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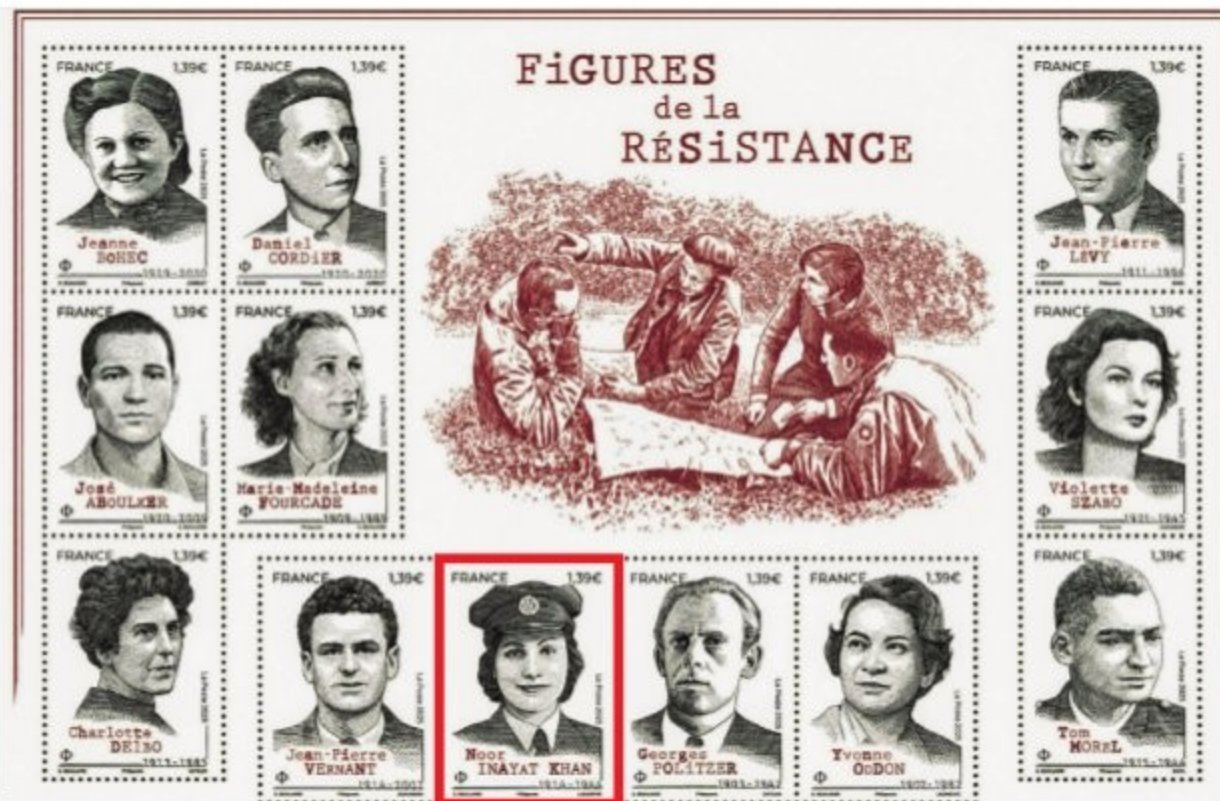


BRITISH INDIAN SPY HONoured WITH NEW STAMP IN FRANCE

Noor Inayat Khan, Tipu Sultan's descendant, has become the only Indian-origin woman honoured with a French postage stamp for her WWII role

LEADING LIGHT OF FIGURES DE RESISTANCE

The French postal service, La Poste, honoured Noor with a stamp issued to honour the 'Figures of the Resistance' who fought against Nazi Germany. She is among a dozen war heroes and heroines chosen on the set of stamps issued this month to mark 80 years since the end of World War II. Britain honoured Noor in 2014 to mark the centenary of her birth



30 years

NOOR'S AGE WHEN SHE WAS EXECUTED BY NAZI FORCES IN 1944

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FIRST MAHE CLASS ANTI-SUBMARINE VESSEL JOINS NAVY

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AMID Pakistan's reported plans to boost its underwater combat strength, the Indian Navy will commission INS Mahe, the first of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on Monday. The ceremony will be presided over by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi.

Announcing the induction, the Navy said the commissioning of Mahe marks the arrival of a new generation of indigenous shallow-water combatants—sleek, swift, and resolutely Indian. "She will serve as a silent hunter on the Western Sea-board, powered by self-reliance and dedicated to safeguarding India's maritime frontiers," the Navy said.

Built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Mahe has more than 80 percent indigenous design, and highlights the country's growing expertise in warship technology and qualities critical for coastal

and littoral operations. Equipped with advanced sensors and weapon systems, the vessel can conduct anti-submarine missions, coastal patrols, and mine-laying operations. The Mahe-class ships, 78 metres long with a displacement of about 900 tonnes, can reach speeds up to 25 knots and have an endurance of 1,800 nautical miles. A total of 16 ASW-SWC vessels are being built—eight each at Cochin Shipyard and Garden Reach Ship-builders & Engineers, Kolkata—under contracts signed in 2019.

Named after the historic coastal town of Mahe, the ship's crest features the *Urumi*, the flexible sword of Kalaripayattu, symbolising agility and lethal grace. These ships will strengthen coastal defence along India's 7,516-km coastline and enhance Navy's shallow-water anti-submarine capabilities.

The induction is keeping in mind China's Hangor-class submarine project for the Pakistan Navy.



FRENCH NAVY CALLS OUT PAK MEDIA MISINFORMATION

Claims made by Geo TV, attributed to a French commander, contained "misinformation and disinformation", it said | P9

124 cops suspended in 10 months, criminal activities up among force

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

THE police are expected to instill fear among criminals and confidence among the public, but the Bengaluru City Police is battling a crisis of credibility. While instances of corruption involving police personnel are not new, recent cases show officers themselves being involved in criminal activities.

In the last ten months, 124 police personnel of various ranks, including 10 inspectors and 82 constabulary staff, have been suspended for their alleged involvement in offences ranging from robbery to corruption, from drug peddling to dereliction of duty.

According to the data shared by the police, among the suspended are 10 inspectors, 16 sub-inspectors, 16 assistant sub-inspectors, 41 head constables and 41 constables.

City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh told

TNIE, "We are taking strict action against those involved in criminal activities and for showing conduct amounting to negligence and dereliction of duty. I have instructed all joint commissioners and deputy commissioners of police to hold meetings in their respective divisions and make officers aware of departmental rules. If anyone fails to follow discipline, action will be initiated."

Immediate action is being taken against officers involved in criminal activities. "Such activities break the discipline of the force and affect public trust. The police department is one of the largest in the state with significant manpower," he said.

A senior IPS officer said that whenever police staff is

We are taking strict action against those involved in criminal activities and for showing conduct amounting to negligence and dereliction of duty. If anyone fails to follow discipline, action will be initiated — Seemanth Kumar Singh, City Police Commissioner

found involved in misconduct or criminal activity, a departmental enquiry is initiated. "If they are involved in a criminal activity, an FIR is registered in addition to DE. A higher-ranked officer conducts the probe, depending on the rank of the accused officer. Based on the gravity of the offence, punishment varies, from dismissal or discharge from service to reduction of increment or compulsory leave and others," he said, adding that around 90% of suspensions are due to dereliction of duty.

He said dereliction of duty includes failing to follow departmental discipline. But corruption or criminal activities often stem from poor supervision and financial pressures, he added. P3

7th accused in heist case surrenders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

The seventh accused in the Rs 7.11 crore daylight robbery case surrendered before the police late on Saturday night. So far, the police have recovered Rs 6.28 crore in cash from the robbed amount.

The accused was arrested by the Siddapura police after he surrendered. He has been identified as Rakesh, brother of Ravi, who was arrested in Hyderabad and is allegedly the mastermind and head of the operational team.

A senior police officer said the search is on for Dinesh, who is believed to be hiding with the remaining Rs 83 lakh. "Ravi was arrested in the city late on Saturday night, but the money is yet to be recovered," the officer said.

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ports only, a senior official told this paper on Sunday.

The decision was arrived at after multiple high-level meetings. Though the MHA has been overseeing the project, a committee has been constituted by the BCAS, with members drawn from aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and other stakeholders.

Officials said the modalities and specifications of the equipment are currently being looked into and once everything is finalised, the MHA will coordinate with the Ministry of Civil Aviation in implementing and commissioning the project.

However, officials said the entire project would be commissioned only in a phased manner, with sensitive airports like Delhi, Mumbai, Amritsar, Srinagar and Jammu covered in the first phase followed by the scheme being rolled out in the remaining airports.

A senior official in the know said, "The authorities will fix deadlines for commissioning the equipment at different airports only after finalization of specifications... then airport operators will be directed to install the technology that fits our criteria. Models successfully existing at other airports outside India are also being examined for effective implementation."

Anti-drone systems at all civilian airports, shortly

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) at a joint meeting, held recently, have decided to deploy anti-drone systems at all major and minor civil airports in view of "a possible war-like situation emerging in future," officials said on Sunday.

According to them, initially, it has been decided to install the system at major airports like Delhi, Mumbai, Amritsar and also Jammu and Srinagar. The decision has been taken in view of the experience gathered during 'Operation Sindoor' and also due to global military escalations that have featured an



increased use of drones.

It is reliably learnt from officials that the anti-drone equipment will thwart any possible attack using rogue drones.

The system will be installed for the first time at civilian air-

TAKEN FOR A RIDE

'Guru' from roadside tent dupes techie of ₹48L to cure his 'sexual problems'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 29-year-old software engineer, depressed about not having a child and disappointed with his allopathic medical treatment, approached a roadside tent run by a self-styled 'Ayurvedic guru' who promised him a quick cure. But at the end of it all, he had lost Rs 48 lakh and had ruined his kidneys after consuming the herbal products that were prescribed to him.

He continued with the Ayurvedic treatment for three to four months as the guru threatened him that his condition would get worse if he did not continue with the medicines.

The victim, Akhilesh (name

changed), a resident of Basaveshwarnagar and hailing from Shivamogga, got married to a woman from Davanagere three years ago. As they did not have any children, he visited a private hospital in Kengeri for infertility treatment on May 3. Doctors conducted all necessary tests, offered him advice and prescribed medication.

When he did not see any results, he slipped into depression, which was compounded by his inability to share his trauma with others. One day, while returning from the hospital, he noticed an Ayurvedic tent near KLE Law College that advertised itself as providing "quick solutions for sexual problems". When he went inside, an attendant introduced Akhilesh to a man identified as Vijay Guruj, who assured him of immediate results and prescribed 1 gm of a herbal product called Devaraj Bhooti. The guruji claimed that it was procured from Haridwar and was available only at Vijayalakshmi Ayurvedic Shop in Yeshwanthpur. He instructed Akhilesh to pay only in cash, avoid online transactions and not to bring anyone along. P6



A video grab of students drawing water from a sump in Bilagerehundi village

Students made to clean school toilets in Varuna village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

TEACHERS at a government higher primary school reportedly made students draw water from a sump and clean school toilets. The incident occurred a few days ago in Bilagerehundi village in the Varuna Assembly constituency represented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. It came to light on November 20 when a villager, Siddaraju, visited the school to pick up his daughter from the anganwadi.

"I saw children drawing water from the sump on the school premises. At first, I thought someone had fallen in. When I asked them, the students said their teachers had told them to fetch water and clean toilets. I recorded the incident on my cellphone and filed a complaint with the block education officer (BEO). As directed by the BEO, I later submitted a written complaint," Siddaraju said.

The incident was especially alarming as a student fell into a sump and died in Kolar recently. "I urge the DDPI to act against the headmaster. Schools must appoint proper staff for cleaning toilets," he said. DDPI ST Javegowda instructed the BEO to investigate and submit a report by Monday. "Based on the findings, action will be taken against the teachers," he said.



EXPRESS READ

KL Rahul to lead India in SA ODI series

New Delhi: Batsman KL Rahul was on Sunday named India's captain for the upcoming three-match ODI series against South Africa, while veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja returned to white-ball set-up after an eight-month hiatus. Rahul was handed the reins after skipper Shubman Gill was ruled out due to a neck injury that he sustained during the first Test against South Africa in Kolkata.

Sindh will always be a part of India: Rajnath

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday recalled a remark by former Deputy PM Lal Krishna Advani, saying the borders are not permanent and that "who knows, tomorrow Sindh may return to India again." Addressing the Sindh Samaj Sammelan, Rajnath said, "Today, the land of Sindh may not be a part of India, but civilisationally, Sindh will always be a part of India."

PH-3 DOUBLE DECKER CORRIDOR WILL NOT EASE TRAFFIC: REPORT

Tolled elevated road will fail to relieve congestion on existing surface roads

INDRA S @Bengaluru

WHILE the city administrators are trying hard to decongest roads and coming up with several projects, including the 37-km double-decker (flyover-cum-Metro) corridor along the Phase-3 of Namma Metro, the Feasibility-cum-Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project revealed that it may not help reduce the traffic as expected.

According to the executive summary of the report, the traffic flow analysis at junctions between Kadabagere and Hosahalli and along JP Nagar to Hebbal corridor shows that even with the elevated corridor, ground-level traffic does not reduce significantly compared to the existing road. This suggested that the tolled elevated road will fail to relieve existing surface road congestion.

Indeed a survey of 1,000 respondents was conducted as part of the DPR. As per it, 78% reported peak-hour congestion between 6 am and 9 am and 48% between 6 pm and 9 pm. However, it was found that 91% of commuters were unwilling to pay tolls for improved road infrastructure.

As per the executive summary, traffic projections for the Kadabagere to Hosahalli corridor showed that the proposed elevated corridor brings only marginal relief to ground level traffic in most sections. In 2031, traffic between Kadabagere and Magadi Road would drop from 1,837 to 1,369 Passenger Car Units (PCUs), and in 2041 it would drop from 2,095 to 1,640 PCUs and so on with the other two junctions of the corridor, the summary noted.

Similarly, the traffic flow between the five junctions of the JP Nagar to Hebbal corridor showed that the PCUs between



PASSENGER CAR UNITS PROJECTION

JP Nagar to Hebbal Corridor			
Junctions	2031	2031	
JP Nagar to Sarakki	2,895	2,701	
Sarakki to Mysore Road	4,599	4,292	
Mysuru Road to Sumanahalli	3,013	3,030	
Sumanahalli to Peenya	3,799	3,476	
Peenya to Hebbal	4,587	3,971	
Kadabagere to Hosahalli corridor			
Junctions	2031	2031	
Kadabagere to Magadi Road	1,837	1,369	
Magadi Road to Sumanahalli	2,294	2,120	
Sumanahalli to Toll Gate (Hosahalli)	2,532	1,677	

the JP Nagar and Sarakki Junction would drop from 2,895 to 2,701 in 2031. And in the year 2041, from 3,465 to 3,222 PCUs. Similar marginal reductions are consistent with the other four junctions of the corridor.

Commenting on the minimal effect the double decker flyover along the Phase-3 has on ground traffic, Satya Arikutharam, an independent mobility expert, said, "There is no transport case for building the double decker structure throughout the Phase-3 alignment. A tolled facility doesn't remove any significant surface road congestion. And if it is free, it impacts Metro viability."

"Integrated structures only make sense in short sections

where it can make the road network efficient, like Goraguntepalya Junction," he added.

Traffic expert Prof Sreehari MN said, "Flyovers are not the solution. Anywhere in the world, flyovers have failed to solve congestion. They quickly become uneconomical."

He explained that the actual reduction in ground-level traffic is minimal because Bengaluru's traffic pressure is highly uneven, with peak and off-peak hours behaving differently.

"During peak hours, the priority should be to increase the carrying capacity of public transport, not build more flyovers," he said.

B'luru biz corridor: Landowners decry 2 decades of restrictions, low compensation

INDRA S @Bengaluru

FOR almost 20 years, landowners along the proposed Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC), who were notified by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) for the 73-km phase of the project, have faced restrictions on selling, developing, or even transferring property, eroding their economic potential. With their land under notification, owners said they missed countless opportunities to develop their land.

Munegowda, a farmer from Kadugodi, whose family owns nearly an acre in the project area, said, "Since our land was notified, the 'pahani' (land record) is marked in their

name. We can't sell it for needs like education or weddings, and I can't even transfer it to anyone." He urged the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to offer compensation at market value or, at the very least, match the rate paid for Metro land acquisitions.

He pointed out that in the government's sub-registrar office, the guidance value for land in the area last year was much higher, but suddenly it has been reduced to Rs 2.25 crore this year. "Now, BDA says they will pay Rs 2.25 crore per acre. How can prime land near Whitefield Metro Station and railway station lose its guidance value in a year?" he asked. Jagadish Reddy, whose land

has been under notification since the 2005 preliminary acquisition of 1,860 acres for Phase 1 of PRR, called it a human rights issue. "For 20 years, we could do nothing. The location around us has developed, and we could have developed too. We would have given our land to developers and, with zero investment, at least received 40% of the market value, which comes to about Rs 45 crore, from the developers," he said.

M Nagaraj, whose 33 guntas of two acres in Varthur were notified, said, "For nearly two decades, due to the notification, I have not been able to get loans or construct anything on my land. I have been suffering for so long now; they should either denotify or give us the right compensation."

Metro feeders cut 35 tonnes of emissions a month in E-City

INDRA S @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the launch of the Metro Yellow Line on August 11, the Electronics City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA) introduced free feeder buses that have cut down the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 35-40 tonnes a month, which is equal to the amount absorbed by 850 to 1,000 trees in a year while also solving the first- and last-mile connectivity.

According to an ELCITA spokesperson, every day, around 2,500 passengers use these shuttle buses within Electronics City to travel between Metro stations and company campuses. ELCITA operates six shuttle buses, which make 19-20 trips across five routes in the area.

"We introduced this service to cut down the use of private vehicles and reduce the carbon footprint as much as possible, while also giving employees a sustainable option for first- and last-mile travel. ELCITA urges all companies in Electronics City to encourage their employees to make use of this service. We have also requested industries to stop sending private vehicles for Metro pick-up and drop, since our feeder service already covers all major points in the area," the spokesperson told *TNIE*. "We intend to increase the number of shuttle buses based on the demand as well as when the number of trains on the Yellow Line increases."

The service runs Monday to Friday, except on public holidays. The feeder service is also helping the environment. By reducing private vehicles on the road, the shuttles save 35-40 tonnes of CO₂ every month. This is equal to the amount absorbed by 850 to 1,000 trees in a year, ELCITA added.

A similar and initial service before the Yellow Line was commissioned, the Green Line feeder, running from Silk Institute to Electronics City, from March 2022 to August 2025, deployed four shuttle buses making eight trips a day via NICE Road. Over its 41-month period, it recorded 1,98,235 passengers, covered 2,97,290 km, and saved 416 tonnes of CO₂, equivalent to the carbon absorption capacity of 2,900-4,000 trees. The service also maintained a zero-accident, zero-injury safety record throughout its operations.

Busy zones to get smart bins

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

TO improve the waste management in high foot-traffic areas, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BS-WML), with support from CSR funds, is preparing to install steel litter bins to better manage waste.

BSWML CEO Karee Gowda told *TNIE* that a firm has offered to donate 1,000 litter bins, which will be placed across the city. The speciality of these bins is that they are designed to accommodate plants on top of them, and the bins have provisions for wet and dry waste collection.

"We have observed that one of the major problems for littering of water bottles, chip wrappers, chocolate covers, tissues, etc, in public places is the



As many as 1,000 such steel litter bins will be placed across the city | EXPRESS

absence of enough bins. We need more bins in bus stands, commercial hubs and roads", Gowda said. "With the support of private firms, we are gearing up to place the litter bins at places where they are needed the most," he added.

On roadsides, more dry waste is generated compared to wet waste. So, these bins are designed to accommodate more dry waste. The collected segregated wastes from the 1,000 bins will be regularly cleared by BS-WML, he said.

The BSWML CEO said that they have finalised the litter bin model and are working out the cost of each bin.

Specialised pots

- Environmentally friendly idea
- Pots are specially designed, and plants on top of them don't need regular watering.
- The plants can grow without water for nearly six months

Less maintenance

- Pots will help in the easy identification of the bins in public places



FURRY FIESTA

Orion Avenue Mall in Cooke Town held the Orion Pet Fiesta-2025 on Sunday, which attracted dog lovers as well as other pet parents from across the city who showed off their top breeds | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BTS 2025 achieved 37% reduction in emission

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge on Sunday announced that the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2025, which concluded on November 20, saw a 37% reduction in carbon emission. The summit was conducted under Kharge, who formally concluded the event as well.

"We achieved a 37% carbon reduction, supported by increased Metro use and allied initiatives. Tummoc, an ELEVATE grant winner, enabled 5,000+ free metro rides for delegates - this means 5,000 fewer private vehicle trips to the venue (sic)," Kharge said in

a social media post.

Attended by around 92,500 persons, the BTS 2025 generated over 9,700 kg of waste, which was all recycled, Kharge said, adding that the goal of "zero waste to landfill" has been achieved for the third year in a row.

The minister further said in his post that around 12,000 participants were assessed for sustainability awareness during the summit, and 850 stalls were evaluated for the Sustainable Stall Awards.

"The BTS continues to show that innovation and sustainability can go and grow together," Kharge said, assuring that a detailed sustainability report on the summit would follow.



EXPRESS READ

Central Corpn chief to hear grievances today

Bengaluru: The Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) will hold a phone-in programme where residents under its jurisdiction can directly present their grievances to Commissioner Rajendra Cholan, between 6 pm and 7 pm pm Monday. Citizens can call 080-22975803 to register their complaints. **ENS**

Sadhu Vaswani Jayanti: Meat sale ban on Nov 25

Bengaluru: On the occasion of Sadhu Vaswani Jayanti, the five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) have banned the slaughter and sale of meat in the city on November 25. The Deputy Director of GBA's Animal Husbandry Department said that on November 25, there will be a complete ban on animal slaughter and the sale of meat across the GBA region. **ENS**

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHS

24th November: Mercury and Venus Come to an Understanding. The conjunction of Mercury and Venus is a win for understanding. Not because the words get any clearer or a line gets a better signal-to-noise ratio. Not because we learn the language of another country or another generation. Not because we're suddenly smarter. We understand better because we want to. Not wanting to understand another person is usually the biggest block.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You're craving a particular kind of inspiration - the kind that comes from fresh energy and kindred spirits. Follow that pull. Spend time in new places, meet different people, and you'll naturally find the ones who make you shine brighter.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Life hums at a comfortable pitch due to your many positive relationships. People return your attention in a way that confirms you are on the same page. They see you as you want to be seen.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

You feel the impulse to grow. You're capable of more. There's a social dimension to this feeling. You'll be drawn to people who challenge and inspire you, not those who merely reassure or enable you to stay the same.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

You'll hear opinions today, some louder than others. You don't have to respond right away, or at all. Sometimes grace sounds like, "I'm thinking about that." Sometimes wisdom begins with, "I don't know yet."

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

The mind and environment constantly mirror one another. When you clear your physical space, you reduce the low-level mental noise that clutter creates. Psychologists call this cognitive load, and you'll clear it with the cleanup you do today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Aggressive people want to win, but so do pacifists. They want to win peace. The difference is that aggressive people are only truly satisfied with the win if they're sure the loser has suffered some. Those types will only bring you heartache.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Speak for your own time, or others will take it up. The requirements of the world are endless as you let them be. Instead of longing for the free days to do what you want, plan and structure your life so that this can really happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

You're working for tomorrow, enjoying it today - that's living the dream. And all the parts that aren't enjoyable right now? Those are the parts to note so you can look at them with a more critical eye tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Your intuition is strong today. Write down the prediction. It's a way of honoring your way of sensing the world, and it's also a gift to future-you. Later, you will read this message and have a visceral reaction such as awe, laughter or relief.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

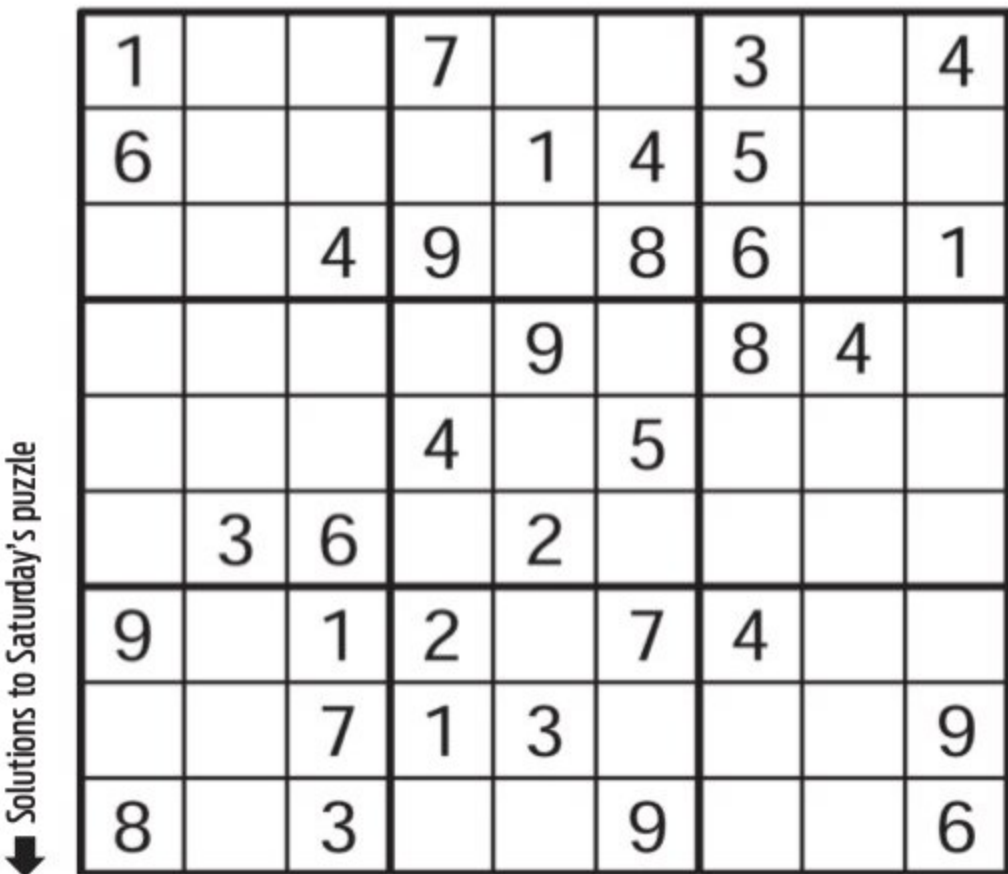
It's not like you choose between indulging and indulging. When the moment and mood arise, the animal inside you takes over - the one who needs comfort or rest or something other than what you're getting. Stop pushing. Rest and recharge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Relationship talks are in the works. Feelings are on the line, and one wants to reject or be rejected. It takes courage to state and hear the truth. Feeling vulnerable and going forward anyway - that's the heart of love's work.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

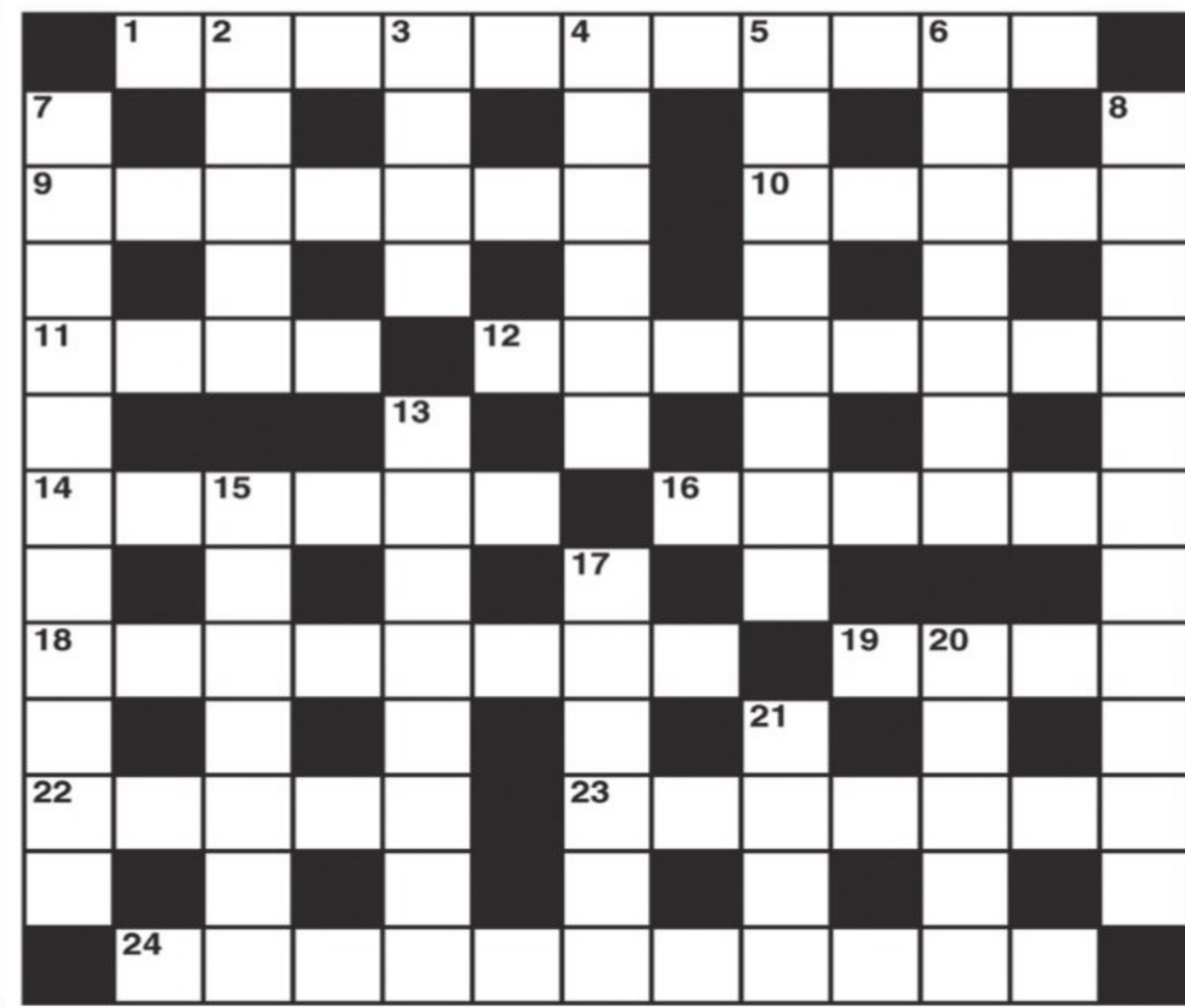
You're drawn to so many different things today that your work may take a meandering path. Don't judge yourself or invite judgment from others. Follow your curiosity. This will all make sense a little later.



SU DOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Jet-propelled weapon (5,6)
- 9 Complaint results from bad French song (7)
- 10 Winter cover raised in freeze (3,2)
- 11 The material needs to be cut (4)
- 12 A swan song for a Scot? (8)
- 14 Demands made by miners after strikes (6)
- 16 Fighting dogs? (6)
- 18 May be carelessly dropped in the middle of nowhere (8)
- 19 Quite good entertainment (4)
- 22 Ask some burning questions? (5)
- 23 I translate bear in Spanish and Portuguese (7)
- 24 Orders that singers are thrown out (11)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Rifles, 4 Agitated, 9 Crying, 10 Duellist, 12 Upas, 13 Eftin, 14 Hips, 17 There and then, 20 Stained glass, 23 Troy, 24 Again, 25 Nero, 28 Iron rule, 29 Lament, 30 Snowdown, 31 Chased.

DOWN

- 2 Silver down at melting point? (5)
- 3 They may be pierced or just pricked (4)
- 4 Rings and ridges inside them gems (6)
- 5 A record? Yes of course (5,3)
- 6 Cut and run (7)
- 7 Pocket money makes very little difference (5,6)
- 8 A person's art is deployed in the ring (6,5)
- 13 When it's raining it's up against it (8)
- 15 Dad's turn to indicate name for an office perhaps (7)
- 20 A right to be different from others (5)
- 21 Not true talent (4)

Down: 1 Recruits, 2 Flypaper, 3 EPKs, 5 Go up in the air, 6 Talk, 7 Twit, 8 Detest, 10 Glancing blow, 15 Berth, 16 Bage, 18 Careless, 19 Assorted, 21 Strips, 22 Roxoco, 26 Grid, 27 Rash.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



Answers here:

Saturday's Jumbles: QUASH JOUST OUTWIT SEPTIC Answer: When asked if they could make a timepiece for the wrist. Patek and Philippe said - JUST WATCH US



EXPRESS READ

2 students from Kerala crossing tracks hit by VB

Bengaluru: In a tragic incident, two nursing students from Kerala died after they were hit by the Vande Bharat Express near Chikkabanavara Railway Station on Sunday while crossing the tracks, under Yeshwanthpur Railway Police station limits. The deceased are Justin Joseph (20) and Justin Sherin (19). Railway Police said around 7.30pm, Joseph and Sherin were heading home after having a meal at a friend's house. With four railway tracks in the area, the duo reportedly got confused and were hit by the train. Their bodies were later recovered, and a case of unnatural death was registered.

2 arrested in Belagavi online investment scam

Belagavi: The Coimbatore Cyber Crime Police arrested two brothers from Belagavi for allegedly cheating Rs 38.62 lakh in an online investment scam. The accused are M Thangaraju (47) and M Shanmugasundaram (50). The case came to light after a 64-year-old woman from Coimbatore filed a complaint stating that they had promised high returns through investments in IPOs.

Will dismiss cops behind crimes: Dr G

Praises police dept for cracking heist case in 72 hours; instructs officers to be vigilant

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With a police constable allegedly involved in the Rs 7.11 crore daylight robbery in the city, Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Sunday warned that if anyone from the police department is found involved in criminal activities, strict action will be taken and no mercy shown. "They will be dismissed from service without hesitation, and legal action will also follow," he said.

After meeting City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh and Joint Commissioners Ajay Hilori and Vamshi Krishna at his residence in Sadashivanagar on the ongoing investigation into the heist, Parameshwara said seven accused have been arrested in the case. A few more are yet to be traced. Parameshwara said he instructed

senior officers to remain vigilant. Parameshwara congratulated the police commissioner, two joint commissioners who oversaw the investigation, two DCPs and over 200 staff members for cracking the case within 72 hours. "When such an incident took place in Bengaluru, it was hard for anyone to believe



The police worked with high technical precision and intelligence to solve the case

G Parameshwara, Home Minister



it. It was an act that could have brought a bad name to the city. The case was a major challenge to the police department. So far, Rs 6.29 crore has been recovered, and the remaining will be traced. The police worked with high technical precision and intelligence to solve the case," he said.

It is being verified whether the cash management company followed RBI rules, he added. "Action will be taken against them as well if they were not following the rules" he said.

RECENT SUSPENSIONS

In the last 10 months, 124 police personnel of various ranks, including 10 inspectors and 82 constabulary staff, have been suspended for their alleged involvement in offences

A police constable attached to the Govindapura Police Station in the East Division allegedly helped the accused in the city's biggest daylight robbery of Rs 7.11 crore. He is accused of training and guiding them on how to evade police detection. He has been suspended

11 police personnel, including an inspector from Chamarajpet and staff from JJ Nagar Police Station in the West Division, were suspended for allegedly protecting drug peddlers operating within their station limits

Two constabulary staff of the Indiranagar police station were suspended for allegedly extorting money from a physically challenged man by threatening to book him in a fake drug case

Three police personnel, attached to the Bellandur police station, were suspended for allegedly demanding a bribe from a grieving father, after the death of his only daughter

Three police officers, including a woman officer attached to the Varthur Police Station, were suspended after they brutally assaulted a domestic help in a theft case

A traffic police constable attached to the Madiwala traffic police station was suspended for slapping a bike rider

Rs 5cr found in abandoned house

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Another officer added that the Rs 5.56 crore recovered within 54 hours of the robbery was found in an abandoned house in Hosakote. The gang had avoided the Hosakote toll by taking an alternative route and hiding the cash in the deserted house before escaping to different states with the remaining amount, to evade detection. Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) D Devaraj on Sunday suspended Annappa Naik, a police constable attached to Govindapura Police Station, after a departmental inquiry found him being allegedly involved in the robbery.

Surgeon sets record with 13 robotic surgeries in one day

Bengaluru: Dr Ganesh Shenoy, Director of Surgical Gastroenterology and Robotic Surgery at Kauvery Hospital in Electronic City, has set an extraordinary benchmark in medical excellence by performing 13 robotic hernia surgeries in a single day. The surgeries, conducted on Saturday, were carried out using the da Vinci Robotic Surgical System, and all procedures were successful without complications. "This is not a numbers game. It demonstrates what is possible when skill and technology combine. Every patient received individualized care with complete focus on safety," Dr Shenoy said after the surgeries. The achievement was also acknowledged by Intuitive, the company behind the robotic system, which praised the milestone. Dr Shenoy was assisted by Dr Deepraj Bhandarkar, former president of the Hernia Society of India, who was present as a witness to the surgeries.



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Early-onset type 2 diabetes quietly fueling infertility: Experts

GAYATHRI M KURUP @Bengaluru

FERTILITY specialists in Bengaluru are warning that early-onset type 2 diabetes is emerging as a hidden cause of infertility among young adults. As lifestyle-related metabolic disorders rise sharply in individuals in their late 20s and early 30s, doctors report that both men and women are facing fertility challenges much earlier than previous generations.

Uncontrolled diabetes disrupts multiple reproductive functions in women. High blood sugar levels can affect egg quality, delay or

prevent ovulation, and reduce ovarian reserve. When combined with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), one of the most common hormonal disorders among young women, the fertility risks are compounded. "Type 2 diabetes and PCOS often go hand in hand due to insulin resistance," explains Dr Smrithi D Nayak, a consultant in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Aster RV Hospital. "Poorly controlled diabetes increases the risk of early miscarriages, developmental issues in the baby, and complications during pregnancy," she said.

Dr Sreeja Rani, Senior Consult-

ant at Kinder Women's Hospital and Fertility Centre, said there is an increasing number of young women with obesity, hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol), and early-stage diabetes presenting with anovulatory infertility. "PCOS is common, and when combined with obesity or early-stage diabetes, ovulation becomes irregular," she adds.

Rani said the increase is driven largely by sedentary lifestyles and poor dietary habits. "Type 2 diabetes affects both men and women in terms of fertility," Dr Nayak explains. "While women may

struggle with irregular ovulation and difficulty conceiving, men can face issues such as erectile dysfunction and compromised sperm parameters."

Many young adults do not recognise the early signs of metabolic issues, such as fatigue, weight fluctuations, irregular periods, or increased thirst, until they begin trying to conceive. By then, their insulin resistance may already be advanced, and blood sugar levels may be higher than ideal. Dr Pallavi Prasad, Senior Fertility Consultant at Nova IVF Fertility, said, "We often see pa-

tients with HbA1c levels of 8 or 9%, when the ideal level should be below 5.6%." "High blood sugar affects ovulation, egg quality, and increases the risk of miscarriage if not addressed at least three months before pregnancy," Dr Prasad advises considering fertility preservation options. For women who wish to delay pregnancy, egg freezing can help prevent irreversible loss of egg quality due to uncontrolled diabetes. "Maintaining an HbA1c level below 6.5%, early screening, and lifestyle changes are essential for preserving fertility," said.



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Following the death of 31 blackbucks at Kittur Rani Chennamma Mini Zoo in Belagavi, a statewide recce of zoos reveals infrastructure shortcomings such as lack of enclosure space and inadequate vet support, but there is no cause for alarm, at least for now

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THE zoo is a space to gaze at animals other than us. It showcases life in its primal variety and verity. An occasional visit rarely makes the onlooker wonder or worry about how exasperating life in enclosures can be. Space is at a premium in our zoos; the wild is tamed in a few inches of nurture, feed is clocked and assured but lacks nature's zing and sting.

Take, for example, Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru. It is home to 33 tigers, including seven white tigers. The Royal Bengal Tiger, Anushka, might prefer a larger enclosure. Close by are the enclosures of the Asiatic Black Bear, blackbucks and deer. The deer are almost deafened by the roars of the tigress throughout the day. As the tigress stays in a constant state of predatory arousal, the deer live in persistent fear.

Arun Prasad, an animal activist, says: "Keeping animals under constant stress increases capture myopia. Something like this should not have happened."

Sanjeev Pednekar, a wildlife rescuer and founder of Prani, a pet sanctuary, says that according to guidelines by Central Zoo Authority (CZA), animals should be segregated into 'islands' to reduce environments of conflict.

At Bannerghatta, three Indian leopards share an enclosure. Prasad compares the situation to humans feeling claustrophobic when they are restricted to their homes such as during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Surya Sen AV, Deputy Conservator of Forests, and Executive Director, Bannerghatta Biological Park, says the zoo was designed and built with the CZA's approval. He says that keeping the deer far from the big animals is not possible. "The zoo is currently under renovation. The leopards and lions will soon be moved into bigger enclosures."

Enhanced surveillance at Mysuru Zoo

At the 133-year-old Mysuru Zoo, one of the country's oldest zoos, the authorities have enhanced surveillance and intensified preventive measures to safeguard animals.

Mysuru Zoo is spread over 157 acres and houses more than 1,450 animals and 168 bird species from over 25 countries. As part of its captive breeding programme, it maintains over 100

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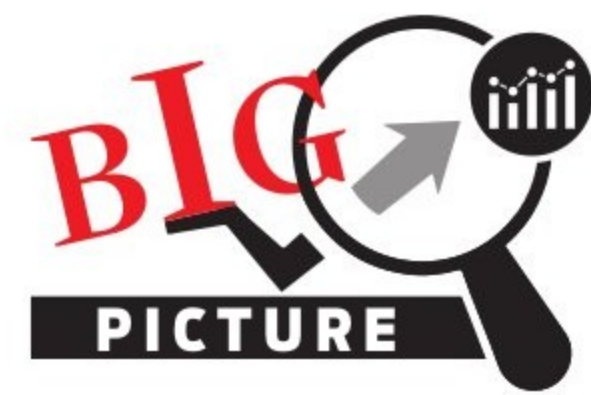


A power fence around the Hanuman langur's enclosure and a zebra kept in a muddy habitat that is far removed from its usual grassland ecosystem, at Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru | KEVIN NASHON

species in captivity. The zoo attracts 25 to 30 lakh visitors annually, generating nearly Rs 30 crore in revenue, with an additional Rs 30 lakh coming from its animal adoption programme. Since 2022, the zoo has been financially self-sufficient.

Wildlife expert S Shekar, however, says there is a need to enhance awareness activities. "The authorities should invite state and national-level resource persons to speak on wildlife protection and conservation. The zoo needs new species. Most importantly, construction activities inside the zoo must stop. Excess concretisation should be avoided, and the available space should be better utilised," says Shekar.

He also raises concerns about a lack of skilled workers.



"Earlier, even illiterate keepers possessed tremendous skill in animal care and gardening. Now, keepers face more pressure and have fewer opportunities to use or develop their skills. Training programmes should be upgraded, including sending staff to zoos in Tamil Nadu, Mumbai and New Delhi. The zoo must also encourage exchange programmes with keepers from other zoos," he adds.

He says animal adoptions have become few due to inadequate publicity. "Earlier, all high-maintenance animals — like 12 tigers and 10 elephants — were adopted because of strong awareness campaigns. But after the zoo became self-reliant and government funds stopped, publicity declined, and adoptions have dropped by 50 per cent," he says.

Another wildlife expert, R Kumar, highlighted the shortage of space at both Mysuru Zoo and Chamundi Wild Animals Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre in Koorgalli. "A rehabilitation centre planned near Nugu dam was shelved. The zoo should reconsider establishing a new centre there. More trained veterinarians with permanent postings are needed," he says.

Kumar is advocating more mock drills. "When IFS officer Manoj Kumar was the Executive Director, he set up a crisis management committee with day and night teams, including external experts to ensure transparency. Now, such a committee does not exist," he says.

Three-tier supervision at Tyavarekoppa

At Tyavarekoppa Lion and Tiger Safari in Shivamogga, the authorities are monitoring animals through 'body conditioning scoring' -- every week, a team of 10 final-year Veterinary Science students are involved in this activity. This is a small category zoo and has one vet on contract basis and a vet assistant. The zoo has 24 blackbucks and Nilgais.

"We monitor these animals through 'body conditioning scoring'. This place has bio security with a centralised kitchen ensuring quality feed for the animals. The three-tier supervision has taken care of the health of animals in the safari and zoo," says Executive Director Amarakshara VM.

"For dry land animals, we have created appropriate places. For tigers and lions, there are water bodies. We are also taking care of the needs of animals with the onset of winter," he says.

"Blackbucks and Nilgais move in herds. Based on behavioural study of herbicides, we identify whether an animal is in distress or not. It includes issues like wetness in the nose area or oozing from orifices," he adds.

Kalaburagi Zoo in state of transition

Kalaburagi Zoo is in a state of transition. Currently housed on six acres, the zoo will soon move to a 42-acre campus in

Upkeep of captive animals a concern

IN Mangaluru, animal lovers have expressed concern over the housing and upkeep of captive animals and birds at Pilikula Biological Park. TNIE's reality check found poor infrastructure at the zoo. Birds had no companions while some of the animals appeared haggard.

Activists say the size of the enclosures at Pilikula zoo is not as per CZA standards, and the small enclosures are stressing the animals.

"The park is illegally trading rat snakes from vendors claiming to feed King Cobra, which is not permissible under the Wildlife Protection Act. They do not have the permission to breed rat snakes either. The zoo has only one doctor but as per guidelines, the zoo should have a senior veterinary doctor as well. Animals are treated with homeopathy medicine which is not prescribed by the Central Zoo Authority or any government institution," said Bhuvan Mangaluru, an activist.

Dr Arun Kumar Shetty said that due to a prolonged monsoon, they could not take up maintenance work at the zoo, and at present, work on barricades and repairs of enclosures is under way.



The small enclosures at Pilikula Biological Park in Mangaluru stresses the captive animals like crocodiles and turtles | EXPRESS

paired at a cost of Rs 7 lakh. We also have an animal exchange programme under which they will try to get companions for animals and birds which are without companions at present," he said.

He said though there is a shortage, they are managing the zoo with 28 staffers, and a proposal to hire another senior veterinary doctor has been submitted for which they are awaiting approval.

deaths raised an alarm, is one of the busiest zoos in the state. It continues to grapple with severe shortage of skilled staff, despite housing more than 200 herbivorous and carnivorous animals. The zoo currently depends on one veterinary doctor and one assistant, both working on an outsourced, honorarium basis.

In total, only 28 staff members are employed at the zoo, of whom 23 are outsourced, leaving them insufficiently equipped to manage the wide range of animals and daily responsibilities.

Most of the staff lacks comprehensive training, receiving only three to five days of short-term training at larger zoos within and outside the state once a year. Last year, around 20 staff were sent to Mangaluru for brief training sessions. Occasionally, veterinary experts and zoo specialists from Mysuru and Bannerghatta visit Belagavi to guide the staff, but support is irregular and far from adequate for the zoo's growing needs.

This year, the zoo is set to receive Rs 4 crore from Karnataka Zoo Authority for major up-

grades. Planned projects include a new Reptile Park with 12 species, a large crocodile enclosure to house additional species, dedicated antelope enclosures, and an exotic birds' enclosure.

Binkadakatti Zoo welcomes visitors

In Gadag, authorities said Binkadakatti Zoo has no issues regarding the wellbeing of its animals. The staff has taken all precautionary measures regarding infection. Vets are keeping a close eye on all animals, including blackbucks.

Deputy Conservator of Forests Santoshkumar Kenchapanavar says, "Tourists need not fear as Gadag zoo is safe. Our staff is monitoring the health of animals and all precautions have been taken".

(With inputs from Anubhab Roy in Bengaluru, BK Lakshminantha in Mysuru, Ramachandra V Gunari in Shivamogga, Ramakrishna Badeseshi in Kalaburagi, Sunil Patil in Belagavi, Divya Cutinho in Mangaluru and Raghu Koppar in Gadag)

Kharge raised power-sharing pact with Siddhu?

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CHANGE in leadership may continue to haunt Congress for some more time until Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi intervenes and takes a decision. "I have nothing to say about it (change in leadership)... as the high command does it," AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge told reporters at his residence on Sunday.

But speculation is rife whether he raised the issue of power sharing with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah when they met for over one-and-a-half hours at the former's residence on Saturday evening. When the party came to power in 2023, an agreement was reached where Siddaramaiah would give up his post as CM once he completes two-and-a-half years in office, giving way to DCM DK Shivakumar to assume charge for the rest of the term, sources said.

Reminding Siddaramaiah about that pact, Shivakumar's younger brother DK Suresh during their recent visit to Delhi told the CM to keep his word, a source said. Arriving in Bengaluru, Suresh told reporters, "Siddaramaiah will keep his word."

Highly placed sources said that Siddaramaiah tried to convince Kharge that he should continue as CM for the full term as some 25 senior leaders, including ministers and MLAs, panicked when it was proposed that he step down as CM. His continuation is in the best interest of the party and its prospects in the Assembly elections

in 2028, he told Kharge, the sources added.

Sensing that Siddaramaiah is unlikely to give up his post voluntarily, Shivakumar has reportedly continued to collect signatures of MLAs in his favour. Some 30-32 have signed, while he wants to achieve the 50-mark, sources said. Siddaramaiah raised the signature campaign with Kharge, commenting that it is not a good development for the party and asked the AICC president to clear the confusion, a source said.

Countering Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra is reaching out to MLAs and on Sunday he met Hubballi-Dharwad East MLA Abbaya Prasad, also a ministerial berth aspirant. Abbaya said if there is a change in leadership, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara should be considered for the CM post.

CM's camp leaders, including PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi and Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa, are also in favour of a Dalit CM strategy to counter Shivakumar. But Mahadevappa after meeting Kharge clarified that unless the high command decides on leadership change, the

Dalit CM issue is irrelevant. Siddaramaiah sympathiser and Shoshita Samudayagala Okkuta Convener KM Ramachandrappa, former general secretary of state Kurubara Sangha, warned that if Siddaramaiah is removed, Congress has to face tough times in the 2028 Assembly polls. If the change is inevitable, the party should consider those from AHINDA communities and Parameshwara fits the bill, he said.

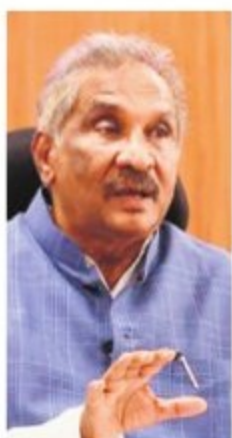
Some months ago, Shivakumar had managed to stop Parameshwara's plan to hold a Dalit legislators' meeting, at Siddaramaiah instance, to gain their support. Shivakumar also submitted a report to Kharge recently that the majority of Dalit MLAs are in his favour, a source said.

Ministers meet Kharge

As Kharge was in town, leaders continued to throng him. Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh and Animal Husbandry Minister K Venkatesh, all from the CM's camp, Hosadurga MLA Govindappa and Challakere MLA Raghumurthy and others visited Kharge.

George meets Kharge, DKS meets George

Energy Minister K J George called on AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge at the latter's residence in Bengaluru and discussed the ongoing political developments. George, considered loyal to the Sonia Gandhi family, has been on good terms with both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM D K Shivakumar. Later, Shivakumar met George at the latter's official residence on Race Course Road.



ROUSING WELCOME FOR DKS AIDE, GUJ IN-CHARGE SECY

Bengaluru: Amid the change in leadership issue in the state Congress, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar's close aide and newly appointed AICC secretary in-charge of Gujarat, Srinivas B V, received a rousing reception on Sunday, during his maiden visit to Bengaluru after assuming his new role. On landing at the Kempegowda International Airport, Srinivas was greeted by a crowd of over 4,000 Congress workers. From the airport, supporters organised a bike and car rally, forming a convoy that escorted him all the way to the KPCC office. **ENS**

I am always in race for CM's post, says Dr G

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AS the leadership tussle in the state Congress heats up, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Sunday said he will always be in the race for the chief minister's post. "I was KPCC president in 2013 and during my tenure, Congress won and came to power. But I did not say that it was because me that we came to power. It was a collective effort. I lost the election. If I had

won that time, we don't know what would have happened. Sometimes, they give a chance to the KPCC president, but sometimes, they don't," he told reporters here.

Parameshwara said Dalit leaders have been demanding for a long time that a Dalit should become CM. "Will this happen if we all sit together for a meal? We are all like-minded people. We fought for internal reservation. Shouldn't we discuss our issues?" he said. Asked

Cong's victory was not because of single person, says Satish Jarkiholi

Belagavi: Belagavi district in-charge and Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi said he does not agree with the claim that the Congress came to power on the strength of just one individual. "It is due to the hard work of the party workers and all legislators that we are in power today," he told media persons in Belagavi on Sunday. Emphasising that every Congress MLA has contributed to bringing the party to power, Jarkiholi said, "We do not accept the statement that Congress came to power because of a few people. It is the collective effort of the party workers and legislators. Saying that everything happened because of one person is wrong. Everyone must stay within their limits. The selection of the CM is entirely left to the party high command. (Home Minister) Dr G Parameshwara himself has served as party president for many years," he said. He added that there is no need for frequent trips to New Delhi. "We will go only if we are called; most of our work has to be done here. When Chief Minister Siddaramaiah himself has clearly said he will continue for five years, why are some people creating confusion by parading in Delhi demanding that (Deputy CM) DK Shivakumar should become CM?" he said. He expressed confidence that senior party leaders, who have already held meetings with the CM and deputy CM, will resolve the issue soon. "There will be no revolution in November," he said. **ENS**



if he might be considered if there is a change in the CM, he said, "Let that situation come. It has not come yet. I will not go and meet the AICC president (Mallikarjun Kharge) on my own. I will meet him whenever necessary."

Speaking on CM Siddaramaiah meeting Kharge, he said, "There is no problem, either in the party or in the government. Why do you make news out of (the CM) visiting someone's house?" he hit back at the media.

Regarding the selection of the CM, he said, "Observers from the AICC came during the CM's selection. Everything happened in front of them in the Congress Legislative Party meeting. Siddaramaiah never said he would be CM for only two-and-a-half years. Whether there will be a change midway is left to the high command. Can we ourselves bring about a change? If such a situation arises, the high command will decide."

NO BUDGING FROM PARTY HELM

BYV rules out leadership change in Karnataka BJP

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IN a bid to put to rest all speculation, Karnataka BJP president B Y Vijayendra has asserted that there is "no proposal to change the state party president."

His statement came in the backdrop of his unscheduled visit to New Delhi to meet BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B L Santhosh, who is widely seen in party circles as the architect behind the simmering unrest in the Karnataka BJP. Rumours had intensified after the Bihar election results, with insiders claiming that Vijayendra, "unable to take the rumours anymore", had rushed to Delhi to seek clarity from the high command. Instead, he emerged insisting that he will continue in the post he has held for two years and is poised to complete his three year term next year. "Whatever challenges arise, I will face them. I am working among cadres and will not be distracted," he told reporters in Delhi after the meeting.



BY Vijayendra with BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh

Vijayendra's meeting with Santhosh is being closely watched in political circles. Santhosh, often described by sources as the BJP's backstage strategist, has long been accused by state leaders of fuelling dissent, encouraging factionalism and creating space for rebels demanding Vijayendra's ouster. His role in orchestrating the steady drumbeat of rebellion against former CM BS Yediyurappa and now Vijayendra, from Basanagouda Patil Yatnal's threats to the Jarkiholi faction's delegations to Delhi, remains a point of intense speculation inside the party. Despite repeated flare-ups, the

BJP top brass has avoided taking decisive action, choosing instead to issue show-cause notices and appeal for restraint as its Karnataka unit reels from dissension and organisational drift.

Vijayendra's tenure has been riddled with accusations of nepotism, "adjustment politics" with the Congress, and using organisational levers to protect the Yediyurappa family. Rebels like Yatnal have continuously been a thorn in Vijayendra's side while claiming support from dozens of MLAs. Many groups of leaders have marched to Delhi demanding his removal, but Yediyurappa's influence, particularly among Lingayat voters, has kept the top brass cautious. After the Bihar elections, reports suggested that the BJP might introduce internal elections for the state president - a move seen as a direct challenge to Vijayendra's authority. Yet his camp insists he enjoys the backing of "95% of MLAs and district chiefs", and the high command is wary of igniting a full-scale revolt ahead of the 2028 Assembly elections.



FLAG OF HONOUR

Holding a 1km-long Kannada flag, members of Udbhava Ganapati Geyelara Balaga march through Pattegarapalya Circle in Bengaluru, as part of their Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, on Sunday | EXPRESS

Viral video leads to the arrest of trio involved in robberies in Wilson Garden

Bengaluru: A viral video showing an assault at the Wilson Garden police station has played a key role in the arrest of three youth involved in multiple robberies in the city. The video, which circulated widely on social media, helped police identify the accused and solve at least two robbery cases. The suspects - Vikram (19), Surya (19) and Saravan (20), all residents of Adugodi and employed as construction labourers - were arrested after they were found to be involved in a string of robberies, where they allegedly threatened victims with weapons. The police recovered stolen items, including two mobile phones, a scooter, and a silver chain. On November 15, a person was assaulted near Ayyappa Temple in Shantinagar after a minor altercation. A hurt case was filed, and based on the viral footage, the police were able to trace the victim and link the assault to a series of robberies. Surveillance footage and other evidence led to the identification of the accused. Further investigation revealed that the trio had been using a stolen scooter with a fake number plate to carry out their robberies. Two separate robbery cases registered at the Cubbon Park police station were solved with their arrest. The victims in these cases had their mobile phones and a silver chain stolen at knifepoint. The police are yet to identify the owner of the stolen scooter.

Indoor saffron farming becomes new trend in Bengaluru

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MORE than 30 persons in Bengaluru have taken up indoor farming of saffron, a product which is usually cultivated in hilly or mountainous regions. Apart from Bengaluru, the practice is also prevalent, albeit sparsely, in Sringeri, Kunigal and Tumakuru.

Lokesh Voliwin, the founder and chief secretary of Karnataka Saffron Farmers Association (KSFA), said even though

Bengaluru is not a hilly terrain, its altitude and climate work in favour of saffron growing.

Voliwin said, "Most of our members come from traditional farming families, although many of them are currently working in diverse professional fields, including IT, biotechnology, healthcare and research. Some are even serving as doctors or officers in the Agriculture and Horticulture Department," he said.

Voliwin said, "Flowering is

the most critical stage. Even a small fluctuation in temperature, humidity or light can drastically reduce flower yield. Another challenge is the availability and cost of quality saffron corms. Corms have to be sourced almost entirely from Kashmir. In the past five years, the prices of the corms have increased from around Rs 250 per kg to Rs 3,000 per kg." Voliwin said the members of the associa-

tion are not getting the support they need. "There is limited institutional or technical support from the Agriculture & Horticulture Department and research institutions. It is financially sustainable if quality corms and environmental control are assured. However, the investment, lack of governmental support and technical challenges remain the major barriers for newcomers into the sector," he said.

He further said, "There is a growing demand in the premium and urban markets. Many have realised that a large portion of the saffron available in the general market is adulterated or of poor quality. As a result, people are actively seeking pure, traceable and locally-grown saffron, even at a higher price. Currently, pure saffron is valued at around Rs 2,000 per gm, and customers who understand its medicinal and wellness benefits are willing to pay for authenticity."

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Dear Sir/Madam,
Sub : Loan Account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch in the name of Mrs. Devika.

The Bank issued Notice under the SARFAESI Act on 04-11-2025 calling upon Nos. 1, 2 & 3 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501312030018082 is Rs.32,85,457/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Seven only), as on 26-10-2025 with further interest for 501312030018082 at 13.15% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from 27-10-2025 till the date of repayment. The Notice Sent to you by Registered Post have been returned by all.

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos. 1, 2 & 3 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501312030018082 is Rs.32,85,457/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Seven only), with further interest for 501312030018082 at 13.15% plus 2.00% penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from 27-10-2025 till the date of repayment within 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/ issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Devika, W/o. Srikanth & Mrs. Sindhu, D/o. Srikanth)

The Schedule R.C.C. built House with Property bearing Old Municipal Khata No. 1840/27/10/116, New No.2318/21/11840/27/10/116, Site No.27. Measuring : East to West (30 feet), North to South (40 Feet). Situated at Vivekananda Nagar Extension, Ward No.27, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on : East by : Site No.131, West by : Road, North by : Site No.115, South by : Site No. 117.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 24-11-2025 Authorised Officer

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001. CIN - L65110TN1804PLC001287, Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com

UJVN Limited
H.O.: "UJJAWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763550
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025966, Website : www.ujvn.ltd

RO No. 922 e-Tender Dated: 22/11/2025
Date Extension Notice-08 & Addendum-08
Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of tenders invited against e-NIT No. 1/UJVN/DGM(Civil-ATTP)/2025-26 is hereby extended as follows and the addendum-8 has been uploaded:
Last Date of Online Submission of e-Tender: 29.11.2025 up to 17.00 hrs
Last Date of Offline Submission of document: 02.12.2025 up to 17.00 hrs (Document in original)
Date and Time of Opening of e-Tender Part-I: 04.12.2025 after 11.00 hrs.
Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>
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Application received date extended for **Doctoral Programme (Ph.D)** as follows :
Starting date of online application : **17th October 2025**
Last date of submission of online application : **3rd December 2025**
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Date of publication of result : **19th December 2025**
Date of provisional registration and commencement of classes : **1st January 2026**
For further details, please visit : <https://www.iiit-bh.ac.in/>
REGISTRAR
AT : Gothapatna, PO : Malipada, Bhubaneswar - 751003, Odisha, India, Web : www.iiit-bh.ac.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, AJMAL AHMED, S/o. Late Jameel Ahmed, residing at No. 133/A, 4th Main, Opposite to Ibrahim Masjid, Rachenahalli Main, Thanisandra, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560077, I declare that while I was shifting my house, I have lost my Original Sale Deed documents, bearing: Document Registration No. 5626/53-54, (Channapatna Village, Cholanaranahalli, Ramanagara District) dated 23-11-1953. Document Registration No. 6600/53-54 (Channapatna Village, Cholanaranahalli, Ramanagara District), dated 22-01-1954, pertaining to Survey No. 90, Item 1, at Ramanagara. I hereby declare that the loss of the above-mentioned documents has been registered in the Lost Article Report bearing No: 1912329/2025, dated: 20-11-2025. If found, please inform me. Mobile : +91 76250 92671 / +91 81471 40890 or to the nearest police station.

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Mahatransco State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/140 -2025-26
Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM Two Bid system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs.in Lakhs)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) Submission & Opening of Tender	
		Tender Fee (in Rs.) Excluding GST	Original
SP/T-0729/1025 RFx 7000038006 (3 rd Call) for SITC of ± 300 MVAR STATCOM along with 400kv AIS bay at 400kV Lonikand-II S/s under EHV PC O&M Zone, Pune.	Rs. 33866.00 Lakhs	20.11.2025 17:00	20.11.2025 18:00
	25,000.00	20.11.2025 17:30	20.11.2025 18:15

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr-VII) Tel. No.: 022-6985271/69852720
Email: 1) C.E. (CPA) 2) S.E.(CPA) 3) E.E.(P&C) 4) E.E. (Group-VII), CPA, C.O. MSETCL, 1st Floor, Prakashgad Building, Bandra (E), Mumbai
Email id: cecpa@mahatransco.in, secpa@gmail.com, eeepc@mahatransco.in, eepr8@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website <http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in>
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.
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Techie took loan to buy medicines

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AKHILESH purchased the medicine for Rs 1.6 lakh per gram and later bought a specially prescribed oil, Bhavana Bhooti Taila, for Rs 76,000 per gram. He borrowed money from his family to pay Rs 17 lakh for the medicines. The guruji later told him to buy three more packets of Devaraj Bhooti powder, claiming the earlier treatment would not work without it. Akhilesh took a bank loan of Rs 20 lakh and purchased 18 gm of the powder. He also bought 4 gm of Devaraj Rasabhooti, another concoction, paying Rs 10 lakh at Rs 2.6 lakh per gram. He also borrowed money from his friend to make the purchase.

In all, he had paid Rs 48 lakh in cash to the Ayurvedic shop in Yeshwanthpur, following the treatment suggested by the guruji. The Ayurvedic medicines too seemed not to help as he still did not have a child coming along the way. He then confronted the guruji, who allegedly pressured him to buy more products and threatened him that his condition would get worse or become life-threatening if he discontinued the treatment. Getting suspicious, Akhilesh underwent medical tests which revealed that the Ayurvedic medicines had seriously damaged his kidneys.

Akhilesh then approached the Jnanabharathi police and filed a complaint on Saturday, accusing Vijay Guruji and the owner of Vijayalakshmi Ayurvedic Medicine Shop of cheating, administering him harmful substances and causing severe health complications. A manhunt has been launched to nab the accused, who are absconding.

Man carries mom down three floors in Koppal hospital

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Koppal

A man in Koppal carried his mother down three floors following an emergency at the district hospital because of the lack of wheelchairs.

Yamanamma (64), a resident of Indira Nagar in Koppal taluk, was admitted to the district hospital for the past three days for treatment of epilepsy. On Saturday, the woman suddenly lost consciousness.

When no doctor came to attend to his mother on the third floor, Krishna decided to carry her to the emergency ward by himself. The incident came to light after bystanders of other patients captured the video and shared it on social media platforms.

Yamanamma hails from a hamlet and her family cannot afford treatment at a private hospital. Her son Krishna is a



daily wage labourer.

The lack of basic amenities like wheelchairs and stretchers at the largest government hospital in the district headquarters has triggered outrage among the public and the relatives of patients.

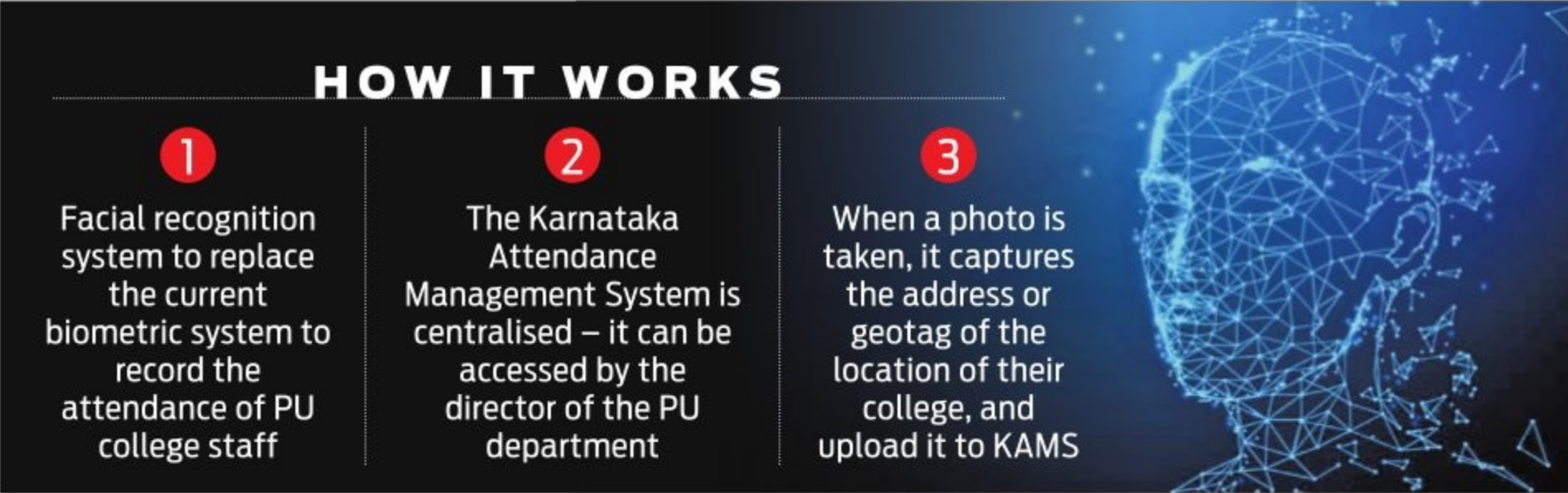
Lingaraj Mannur, a social activist in Koppal said, "This inhumane incident reveals the poor conditions at the hospital. The facility needs good infrastructure and maintenance. The number of patients visiting the hospital has increased many fold, the staff strength has not increased correspondingly."

An official at the hospital, however, down-played the incident, "We are giving the best services, and there is no question of negligence. In this case, Yemanamma had suffered a sudden seizure and her son immediately brought her to the emergency ward."

EXPRESS READ

Plans afoot to set up KSL branches in five districts

Shivamogga: The district administrations at Shivamogga, Davanagere, Chitradurga, Chikkamagaluru and Vijayanagara have been asked to provide 25-acres of land close to the national or state highways for setting up branches of the Kanteerava Studios Limited (KSL), its chairman Mahaboob Pasha said on Sunday. Pasha said Shivamogga has made great contributions to Kannada cinema. Many movies are shot in the district. The district is rich in literature and is home to many skilled and talented artists. Setting up a KSL unit in the district will help in indoor and outdoor movie shooting in this region and also generate employment opportunities, he said. He said the government has allocated Rs 5 crore in the budget to set up KSL studios at Chitradurga, Davanagere, Chikkamagaluru and Vijayanagara. Besides, the department of information and public relations will also construct a model film city similar to Ramoji Film City on 160-acres land, he said.



PU teachers' attendance now on face reading app

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Director for School Education and Literacy (Pre-University) will be introducing a facial recognition system to record the attendance of lecturers and principals in PU colleges across Karnataka from December 2025.

An official from the Department of Pre-University Education said, "Currently, there is a biometric system to record the attendance of lecturers in the colleges. However, it is not centralised. Attendance gets recorded at the college level itself. The current facial recognition system is a centralised one which means

the director of PU department can access and keep a tab on the attendance of lecturers and principals. An app called Karnataka Attendance Management System (KAMS) has to be downloaded by lecturers, principals and clerical staff of a college. When they come to college, they need to login, click a picture which captures the address or geotag of the location of their college, and upload it to KAMS. Some lecturers are on deputation to two different colleges. In such cases, they have to upload their picture when they visit both colleges on particular days."

This is not the first time the facial recognition system has been introduced in the college.

Earlier this year, the system was introduced on a pilot basis in one of the PU government colleges in Gadag, which yielded positive results.

The official told TNIE, "The centralised system removes the hassle of spending money for maintenance of biometrics. Every college in the state has purchased it from different vendors, so the vendor charges whatever he wants and when the machine goes faulty, they don't even attend to complaints, especially in rural areas."

Karnataka has 2,000 government and aided PU colleges with around 7,627 lecturers. Introducing the facial recognition system was also announced in the State Budget 2025-26.

Sir MV School of Architecture to launch B.Plan course

Bengaluru: THE Sir M Visvesvaraya School of Architecture (affiliated to VTU) is set to introduce a four-year Bachelor of Planning (B. Plan) programme from the academic year 2025-26, approved by the Institute of Town Planners, India (ITPI). The school has also proposed an integrated 5-year B.Plan-M.Plan course to offer students academic continuity. The initiative comes at a time when India faces a critical shortage of trained urban planners. A 2021 NITI Aayog report projected an 11 per cent global growth in planners by 2029, and estimated that India needs over 12,000 professionals to meet rising demands. Earlier, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar had urged VTU to introduce undergraduate planning programmes to strengthen the state's rapid urbanisation. The new course aims to build this pipeline by offering an interdisciplinary foundation in land use, transportation, infrastructure, environmental planning, governance and geospatial technologies. A dedicated undergraduate programme trains students to approach planning holistically from the start, a press release said. Bengaluru's widening urban challenges like traffic congestion, housing shortages and environmental decline form a key backdrop to the move.

State govt 'auctioning off' public education, says AISEC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) has sharply criticised the Congress government in the State for its reported decision to "auction" government school buildings under the proposed KPS Magnet School project.

Allamprabhu Bettadur, AISEC president, alleged that

the State's plan to set up 700 Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) with the help of a Rs 2,000-crore loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a cover for shutting down around 7,000 government schools.

Bettadur said Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa's recent comments that unused school buildings may be handed over to private registered institutions "has exposed the

government's real agenda". He said moves to auction school properties and allow commercial advertising on campuses raise concerns about the misuse of public land. The committee is of the view that government schools remain the primary avenue of education for children from poor and rural families, especially girls, and auctioning these institutions would harm the

public's access to education.

The AISEC has demanded that the government make public the conditions associated with the ADB loan, questioning whether they require policy changes that favour private or corporate interests. The group also raised doubts about the proposed Special Bill to Protect Government School Properties, suggesting that it may benefit private players.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 25/2025/SBC Dated: 17-11-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items:

Tender No.	Description in Brief	Tender Due on
L8256546B	LHB Bogies with 140 KN Bogies with air suspension for conversion of LS21/S3 type coaches into LS5 Type Coaches. Qty-02 Set.	17-12-2025 10:30 Hrs.

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
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CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP
(Phone : 080 25084168, 4175, 4169) (Fax:080 25084155)

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE
1. On behalf of President of India, item rate tenders are invited for the following work.

Description	Details
Name of work	Replacement of Package AC Units installed at RRSC, ISITE, Campus, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037
E-Tender Notice	No. URSC/CandMG/ACMD/0050/ETN-06/2025-26 Dt. 21.11.2025
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 16.03Lakhs
Tender Document Details	E-Tender
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	180 days / 06 months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 10:30 Hrs. on 24.11.2025 to 16:30Hrs on 05.12.2025
Bid clarification	From 11:00 Hrs. on 24.11.2025 to 17:00 Hrs. on 08.12.2025
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto 17:00hrs on 09.12.2025
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 15.12.2025
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	After 15:00 Hrs. on 15.12.2025
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 32,060/- (Validity for 180 days)

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO Sd/- Group Director (Construction & Maintenance Group)

IN THE COURT OF XXXX ADDL THE CITY CIVIL & SESSION JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CC-40) O.S. No. 4523/2023

Between: Smt. Padmamavathi, Daughters of late Munsavarny W/o Munsavarnagad about 56 years residing at No 65/2 Dheeranahalli, HAL Indiranagar, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru. Plaintiff

And: Padamma & Others Defendants

NOTICE TO PROPOSED TO DEFENDANT No. 5 to 8 UDS RULE 20(1A) OF CPC ON A III OIO 1 Rule 100 of Cr.P.C.

To, Proposed Defendant No.5: Smt. Syed Yasmin Bismillah Commercial Shop, Doing Chicken & Fish Business No.34/C, Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, Proposed Defendant No.6: Smt. Mallamma, Being a Tenant of Residential house Being Tenant, No.34/C, Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, Proposed Defendant No.7: Smt. Reshma Being a Tenant of Residential house Being Tenant of R/o No.221/C, 3rd St, M/s. Sarakki Garden, J.P. Nagar, VI Phase Bangalore-078, Defendant No.8: Smt. Rakshya Being a Tenant of Residential house No.34/C, Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru. WHEREAS, the plaintiff has filed the above case against the defendants for the relief of partition and separate possession. The defendant No.2 to 8, above named are the Disputant are hereby directed to take summons and appear before this Hon'ble Court, either in person or through the pleader on the 02.01.2026 at 11 AM to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard ex parte.

SCHEDULE
1. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing sy number 34/C, measuring East to West: 33'-28"2" and North to South 37'-30"2" feet situated at Sarakki village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore south taluk and bounded on East by: 8 feet common passage. West by: road. North by: Rammanna's land. South by: Narayana's land.

2. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing sarakki Sy No.34/C measuring east to west: 11 feet and north to south 32 feet situated at Sarakki village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore south taluk and bounded on East by: 8 feet common passage and Rammanna's property. West by: Government road. North by: Narayana's land. South by: Road.

3. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing sarakki survey number 221/1 and 2 Sy number 221/C measuring 23X38 feet totally measuring 874 Square feet Situated at Sarakki village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore south taluk and bounded on East by: private property West by: Anniahappa's land. North by: Anniahappa's land. South by: Sarakki's land. North by: Anniahappa's land. Given my hand and seal of the Court, this 17.11.2025

By order of the Court
Senior Sheristadar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff, Dhannajaya N
Offices at Infantry Road Bengaluru.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower/s, Co-Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and Mortgagee have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagee as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced
1	1) Mrs. Mahalakshmi T B, 2) Mr. Balaraju	Loan Account No. 32509630000089 325096300000702 32509410000817 Loan Amount: Rs.10,50,000/- Rs.7,00,000/- Rs.2,28,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and immovable property bearing Residential Site No.25 & 26 (Twenty Five & Twenty Six) and formed sites in Property No.61/60 (Sixty one sub sixty), Khatha No.590 (Five hundred and ninety), Measuring East to West 60 (Sixty) Feet and North to South 30 (Thirty) Feet in total measuring 1800 (One thousand eight hundred) Sq. feet of Vacant site, situated at Gundur Village Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560049, which is Bounded on the East by: Private Property, West by: Site No.27 (Twenty Seven), North by: Site No.38 & 39 (Thirty eight & thirty nine) belongs to Mrs. Vijaya Thyagarajan, South by: 25 feet wide Road.
2	1) Mr. Manjunatha A, 2) Mrs. Bhagyamma	Loan Account No. 34019630001133 34019410001034 Loan Amount: Rs.12,62,800/- Rs.3,79,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel for Property bearing Grama panchayath No.260/1, Khatha ID No.15030040000420031, situated at Kodagaburki Village, Hosakote Block, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Khajjohashalli Village Panchayath and Bounded by the East by: House of Srinivasa Murthy, West by: Property belongs to Nagaraju, North by: Road, South by: Own Land. Measuring East to West 9.144 meters and North to South: 12.192 meters, in all measuring 111.48 Sq.meters.
3	1) Mr. Nagaraju, 2) Mrs. Mamtha R V	Loan Account No. 46459430000676 46459410002294 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.1,50,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential Property Bearing No.353/6, E-Khatha ID No.15030040000420031, situated at Khajjohashalli Village, Hosakote Block, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Khajjohashalli Village Panchayath and Bounded by the East by: House of Srinivasa Murthy, West by: Property belongs to Nagaraju, North by: Road, South by: Own Land. Measuring East to West 9.144 meters and North to South: 12.192 meters, in all measuring 111.48 Sq.meters.

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as in the data shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagee of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 24.11.2025, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural
Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

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3	1) Mr. Nagaraju, 2) Mrs. Mamtha R V	Loan Account No. 46459430000676 46459410002294 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.1,50,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential Property Bearing No.353/6, E-Khatha ID No.15030040000420031, situated at Khajjohashalli Village, Hosakote Block, Bangalore Rural District, presently comes under the limits of Khajjohashalli Village Panchayath and Bounded by the East by: House of Srinivasa Murthy, West by: Property belongs to Nagaraju, North by: Road, South by: Own Land. Measuring East to West 9.144 meters and North to South: 12.192 meters, in all measuring 111.48 Sq.meters.

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as in the data shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagee of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 24.11.2025, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural
Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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INVITATION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF DUES UNDER SWISS CHALLENGE PROCESS

The Karur Vysya Bank (The Bank) hereby invites proposal from ARCs/NBFCs/Fis/Permitted Transferee for acquisition of its outstanding debt of the below-mentioned account only on **100% cash basis** through competitive bidding/Swiss Challenge process. The sale of debt is based on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without any recourse" basis.

Brief details of financial assets showcased: (Rs. in Crore)

BRANCH	ACCOUNT NAME	BOOK O/S	CASH : SR RATIO	BASE/ ANCHOR BID	FIRST CHALLENGER BID
ARB BANGALORE	TARUN REALTORS PRIVATE LIMITED	95.60	100% cash	96.00	101.00

Particulars	Last Date
Submission of Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) (If not already executed or if expired, access to due diligence will be subject to submission of NDA) along with payment of EMD 5% of bid amount.	11.12.2025
Completion of Due Diligence Exercise	
Last date of Submission of Expression of Interest/financial bids	
Tentative date of E auction under Swiss challenge Method on https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net	12.12.2025
Timeline for payment of balance 95% bid amount by successful bidder/ Highest Challenger Bidder (100% cash basis)	16.12.2025

For the detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd's website i.e., <https://www.kvb.bank.in/property-under-auction/>

The broad terms of the offer are as follows:

- The assignment shall be on upfront 100% cash Basis only
- The sale of this NPA account shall be subject to the **Right of First Refusal (ROFR)** held by the Anchor/ Original Bidder/Base Bidder.
- The E-Auction will take place through portal <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net> (Web address of e-auction provider) on 12.12.2025 between 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes each till sale is concluded and incremental amount of 5% in case of inter-se bidding.
- The intending purchaser / bidder is required to submit EOI and deposit refundable EMD of 5% of the bid amount by NET/RTGS favoring The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, Central office in favour of A/C. Tarun Realtors Pvt Ltd, Account No: 1101351000000973, IFSC Code: KVB0001101 and register their name at <https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net> (Web address of e-auction provider) to the above mentioned account and get user ID and Password free of cost and get training on E-Auction from M/s.e-Procurement Technologies Ltd i.e, Auction Tiger. Bidders are required to participate in the E-auction and to furnish the required details for e auction.
- The interested ARCs/ Banks/ NBFCs/ Fis/ Permitted Transferees can conduct due diligence of these assets with immediate effect, after submitting expression of interest with EMD amount and executing a Non- Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with the Bank at "ARB Bangalore", if not already executed.
- The participants shall not be entitled to withdraw or cancel their offer once submitted.
- The sale/ transfer will be subject to final approval by the competent authority.
- Bank at its sole discretion may withdraw the account offered for sale, without assigning any reasons. The decision of the Bank in this regard will be final and binding.
- The Due Diligence Exercise (DDE) will be carried out at ARB, Bangalore.
- This is only an invitation by the Bank to the interested parties for submission of EOI and is neither an agreement nor an offer to sale. No contractual obligation whatsoever shall arise until the acceptance by the selected purchaser of Letter of Offer issued by the Bank or a formal agreement is executed by the duly authorized signatory of the Bank and the prospective buyer, whichever is earlier.
- Due diligence independent verification shall be undertaken by the participating bidder at their own costs. By virtue of submission of the offers it is deemed that the participating Bidders have conducted their own due diligence, Verification, analysis and independent verification in all aspects covering legal proceedings, encumbrances and any other dues/issues to their complete satisfaction
- After the sale of the financial assets to the ARC, no operational, legal or any other type of risks relating to such financial assets sold are assumed by the Bank.
- All expenses in connection with transaction including stamp duty, registration fees, other charges etc. shall be borne by the purchaser.
- Participants are advised not to wait till last minute or last few seconds to submit their bid to avoid complications related to internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure, etc. Neither bank nor the (service provider) will be responsible for any unforeseen circumstances.
- For all other terms and conditions, please refer our Notice dated 21.11.2025 for inviting Expression of interest and financial bids for sale of NPA account through Swiss challenge method.
- For any assistance, you may contact the following dealing official:

BRANCH	CONTACT PERSON	MAIL ID	CONTACT NO
ARB BANGALORE	Mr. Vijayakartheayan T Chief Manager (Law)	vijayakartheayan@kvbmmail.com arbbangalore@kvbmmail.com	9916109699

Date: 21.11.2025
Sd/- Chief Manager
The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.

Serve society and follow Sathya Sai's teachings: VP

Thousands of devotees attend 100th anniversary of Sathya Sai Baba

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Puttaparthi

SRI Sathya Sai Baba's 100th birth anniversary was celebrated with grandeur and devotion at the Sri Sathya Sai Hill View Stadium in Puttaparthi on Sunday. Thousands of devotees and dignitaries from across India and abroad gathered to pay homage to the revered spiritual leader, whose teachings of love, service, and the oneness of humanity continue to inspire millions worldwide.

The day began with the majestic Swarna Rathotsavam procession, accompanied by Vedic chanting, Nadaswaram, and percussion led by renowned drummer Sivamani. The golden chariot carrying Baba's divine form became the focal point of the celebrations, with singer Manu rendering the devotional song "Kadilini Kadilini Swarna Ratham".

Contingents from Veda, Nagara Sankeerthana, Bhajan groups, Bal Vikas children, service volunteers, disaster response teams, and students from Sri Sathya Sai educational institutions participated, symbolising unity in diversity. Vice President of India CP Radhakrishnan, chief guest for the occasion, described Baba as "a great emissary of god, of peace, love, and selfless service." He emphasised that Baba's guiding principles — "Love All, Serve All" and "Help Ever, Hurt Nev-



(Right) V-P CP Radha Krishnan, AP CM Chandrababu Naidu, TG CM Revanth Reddy and others attend the birth centenary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba | EXPRESS

er" — shaped every initiative he undertook and every life he touched.

Quoting saint-poet Thiruvalluvar's Kural, he said Baba epitomised the timeless truth of devoting one's life to loving and serving humanity. Highlighting Baba's teachings rooted in Sathya (Truth), Dharma (Righteousness), Shanthi (Peace), Prema (Love), and Ahimsa (Non-violence), the Vice President urged citizens to replace discord with harmony and selfishness with sacrifice.

He praised the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust's transformative work in healthcare, education, and social welfare, describing its Mobile Rural Health Services as a "vital lifeline" for remote communities. He also recalled Baba's pivotal role in rejuvenating the Telugu Ganga canal, which ensured drinking water supply to Chennai. Concluding

with the universal prayer "Samaastha Lokah Sukhino Bhavantu," he reminded the gathering that "the greatest worship is service, and the greatest offering is love."

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu also addressed the gathering, recalling Baba's journey from his birth in 1926 as Satyanarayana Raju to his declaration as Sathya Sai at the age of 14, and his lifelong mission of spreading knowledge, righteousness, and service.

Naidu praised the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust's extensive outreach, noting that 102 Sathya Sai schools provide free education to 60,000 students, Trust hospitals serve nearly 3,000 patients daily, and drinking water projects worth over Rs 550 crore have benefited 30 lakh people across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu.

Vijay slams DMK, outlines poll promises

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

IN his first "public speech" after the Karur stampede, actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay continued to train his guns solely at the ruling DMK, trying to position his party as the principal opposition in 2026, and listed out his poll promises to the voters — education, a permanent house, a motorcycle, and a car.

Taking a direct swipe at Chief Minister MK Stalin for questioning TVK's ideology, Vijay

asserted that despite declaring that "all are equal at birth" as its core ideology, TVK was being labelled as a party bereft of principles. While targeting the ruling party on corruption and governance, Vijay gave an angry aliterative response to his party cadres being trooled as "tharkuri" (stupid). "My cadres are not "tharkuris", they are the people who will make the future of DMK a "kelvi kuri" (a question mark).

Addressing nearly 2,000 of his

supporters and people, brought in batches from Kancheepuram district in vehicles, at an auditorium at Sunguvarchattiram, Vijay spoke in detail about the sufferings of the weavers of the district who produce world-class silk and handloom fabrics and accused the state government of ignoring them like it did with the farmers of the delta districts.

Arguing that the Palar river, which he said was the lifeline of the district, had degraded over time due to illicit mining of

sand, he alleged that the ruling dispensation had looted ₹4,730 crore through such illegal mining. He contended that the proof for this was available with the courts and with the Enforcement Directorate.

"If we come to power, wait, we will come; the people will certainly bring us to power. Won't the people willingly bring in a government that will work for them? We will definitely give a detailed explanation of what we intend to do in our government in our election manifesto," he said.



EXPRESS READ Man, ex-wife nabbed for kidnapping 4-year-old girl

Hyderabad: Golconda police arrested two people for kidnapping a four-year-old girl and reunited the child with her family. The accused were identified as Mohammed Faiyaz (24) of Tolichowki and his former wife, Salma Begum alias Samreen Begum (22) of Asifnagar. Police said the incident came to light on November 21 when Nuzath Fatima of Saleh Nagar Kancha reported that her daughter, Safiya Begum, had gone missing after visiting her grandmother around 12.30 pm. Special teams were formed. CCTV footage showed a woman in a burkha leading the child away, accompanied by an auto-rickshaw driver whose vehicle number was initially unclear. Investigators later identified the driver as Faiyaz.

TN pounded by rain, 3 electrocuted

BAGALAVAN PERIER B @ Cuddalore

THREE people, including a couple, died on the spot and one more person was injured when a high-tension power line snapped and fell on them due to rain at C Sathamangalam village near Chidambaram in Cuddalore district on Sunday.

The victims were identified as A Mariyam Susai (70), his wife M Pilon Mary (60) and R Vanathasmary (70), all natives of the village, and A Kanagaraj (58) of Sathamangalam, who escaped with injuries.

According to sources, the power cable fell on them after a tamarind tree uprooted in the heavy rain on Sunday afternoon crashed on a nearby electric pole, leading to the snapping of the cable. The couple, who were residing in Chennai, had come to their native village to submit application for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls



A man rides a two-wheeler in rain at Ayanavaram as a low depression formed over Bay of Bengal led to heavy downpour in Chennai on Sunday | P RAVIKUMAR

Southern TN reels under relentless rainfall

Southern Tamil Nadu reeled under another day of relentless rainfall on Sunday as a cyclonic system developing over the southeast Bay of Bengal gathered strength and a fresh low-pressure area is set to form over the Comorin Sea. With the northeast monsoon turning vigorous

over southern coastal districts and active elsewhere, most parts of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal recorded widespread rain during the 24 hours ending 8.30 am. In Tamil Nadu, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi and Thoothukudi districts bore the heaviest impact, with Nalumuksu in Tirunelveli leading with 26 cm, followed by Oothu (25 cm).

WhatsApp groups of PROs of TG mins hacked

ENS @ Hyderabad

CYBERCRIMINALS on Sunday compromised a Telugu TV channel reporter's phone and sent APK files to several Telangana Cabinet ministers' WhatsApp groups that were being run by their PROs to share information with the media.

The hackers renamed the groups as "SBI" and asked members to update their Aadhaar details using APK files. However, alerted admins of the groups removed the victim from their groups and also alerted the other members.

When contacted, Hyderabad cybercrime police said that they have not received any complaint from anyone regarding this issue. However, the victim said that he raised a complain on Cyber helpline number 1930. As of now, no one lost any money due to this. "The fraudsters sent the APK files to more than 100 WhatsApp groups," the victim said.

The victim added that some of the groups, in which he is not an admin and also cannot send messages, have also received these APK files. It may be mentioned here that the State Bank of India has been issuing several alerts regarding the APK files, advising its customers against clicking on such links.

Over 6.5L pilgrims visit Sabarimala

Pathanamthitta: The heavy but streamlined inflow of devotees to Sabarimala continues as the mandalam season progresses. Despite intermittent rain, devotees had smooth darshan while the valiya nadapandal mostly witnessed a smaller crowd of pilgrims. By 7 pm on Sunday, a total of 69,295 pilgrims had trekked up the hill shrine.

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वाद पर वाक्य धारित विभाग
वाक्य नं.- 16/2016

अनिल पुत्र स्व. सुनील कुमार निवासी पानी की टंकी के पास सुभायवा के मोहल्ले सिमर जिला सीकर जिला सीकर न्यायालय 47 2nd क्रॉस रीमस वरिष्ठ सिविल न्यायालय रीमस

बादमिनी के आपके विरुद्ध वाक्य के लिए वाद रीमस किया है। आपको इस न्यायालय के तारीख 26.11.2025 को दिन में 10 बजे दावे का उत्तर देने के लिए उपस्थित (हजरत) होने के लिए सूचना दी जाती है। आप न्यायालय में स्वयं या किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति द्वारा उपस्थित हो सकते हैं, जिसे सच्युट अर्देश दिए गये हो और जो इस वाद से सम्बन्धित सभी सार्वजनिक प्रश्नों का उत्तर दे सके या जिसके साथ ऐसा कोई व्यक्ति हो जो ऐसे सब प्रश्नों का उत्तर दे सके। आपको यह निर्देश भी दिया जाता है कि आप स्व दिन अपनी प्रतिज्ञा का लिखित साक्ष्य दखिल करें और उस दिन ऐसे सब दस्तावेज जो आपके कथने में या जति में है पेश करें जिन पर आपकी प्रतिज्ञा या दखिल सुनवाई का दावा या प्रतिज्ञा आधारित है और यदि आप किसी अन्य दस्तावेज पर, चाहे वह आपके कथने व शक्ति में हो अपनी प्रतिज्ञा या सुनवाई के दावे के समर्थन में साक्ष्य के रूप में निर्भर करते हैं तो आप ऐसी दस्तावेजों को उद्धृष्टित समय के बाद उपलब्ध हो जाने वाली सूची में प्रविष्टी करें। आपको सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि आप ऊपर बताई गई तारीख को इस न्यायालय में उपस्थित नहीं होंगे तो वाद की सुनवाई और उसका निपटारा आपकी अनुपस्थिति में किया जावेगा।

यह वाद तारीख दिनांक 21 माह 11 नव 2025 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर से और न्यायालय की मुद्रा लगाकर दिया गया है।

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वरिष्ठ सिविल न्यायाधीश एवं अतिरिक्त मुख्य न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट रीमस वरिष्ठ

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client **Sri. Badrinath S.P.** S/o Padmanabhan S, aged about 37 years, residing at Apartment No. F-304, Southmaini Apartments, Kanakapura Main Road, Next to Art of Living Ashram, Udayapura, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560082, has negotiated to purchase the Apartment bearing No. H-002, Type 2 BHK-GD, bearing E-PID No. 150200300100620985, in the residential complex known as "Soudhamini", constructed upon the immovable property bearing Khata No. 116, carved out of Survey Nos.164/1, 164/2, 165/2, 165/4 and 435, measuring 7 Acres 1 Acre 1, situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk from **Sri. Sharanbasappa Abdulpurkar and Smt. Rupali Sharanbasappa Abdulpurkar, Smt. Reshma Sharanbasappa Abdulpurkar, Smt. Sapana Sharanbasappa Abdulpurkar and Sri. Shrinivas Sharanbasappa Abdulpurkar.**

Any person/s having any right, claim or interest, whatsoever over the above described Apartment shall lodge their objections/claims with relevant documents, to the undersigned within 5 days from the date of this publication, after which our client will proceed with further transactions to purchase the schedule property and no claims will be entertained after the said period.

Date: 23.11.2025
Sd/-
P. Mahalinga Bhat and Associates,
Advocates,
TF-2, 3rd Floor, Keerthi Kuteeram Apartment, # 2386, Pipeline Road, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy layout, Bangalore.
Mob: 9341215791 and 9481806159

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our clients, **Mr. MASIR AHAMAD B.A.**, aged about 40 years, S/o Late **Mr. AMEER JAMAL** and **Mrs. SUMAYYA KHANUM S. W/o Mr. MASIR AHAMAD B.A.**, are proposing to purchase the Schedule Property described below from its original and lawful owner **AGAPE MINISTRIES INDIA**, represented by **THOMAS KUTTY**, a Registered Charitable Trust, having its office at No. 632, Errappa Layout, Banaswadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560043, Karnataka. This Public Notice is issued to invite objections, if any, from any person, authority or entity claiming any right, title, interest, or any other legal claim over the Schedule Property. Any such objections or claims must be submitted in writing to the undersigned Advocates within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections or claims are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, disputes, charges, liens, or any third-party interests, and our clients will thereupon proceed to complete the sale transaction. Any claims received after the said 15-day period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land and building bearing No. 239, Khatha No. 15239, New BEMP Khatha No. 511, New E-PID No. 2445685546, situated at **Thandisandra Ramdistrisina Heggale Nagar Village, Krishnarajapet Taluk, Bangalore East Taluk**, earlier under Bangalore South Taluk, now under the jurisdiction of BEMP - Thandisandra Zone, Ward No. 6, Bangalore. Measurements: East to West: 50 Feet. North to South: 30 Feet. Total Area: 150.3545 Sq. M. or 1500 Sq. Ft. Together with the existing RCC roofed building measuring 365.1089472 Sq. M. or 3929.996 Sq. Ft. of built-up area comprising RCC roof, vitrified flooring, Home wood doors and windows, and all existing amenities. Boundaries: East by: Road West by: Site No. 282 North by: Site No. 240 South by: Site No. 238

ISSUED BY
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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE V ADDL. PRINCIPAL JUDGE, AT BENGALURU M.C. No.346/2020

BETWEEN:
Mrs. Sheeba Angel Residing at, #59/D/1 Gowri Nilagani Magadi Road, Don Bosco, Bangalore North Bangalore- 560023
...Petitioner

AND:
Mr. Udaya Sudan S/o. Raju Residing at, #119, 4th Cross, 1st Main, J.R. Nagar, Rayapuram, Bangalore-560018
... Respondent

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT
Mr. Udaya Sudan S/o Raju Residing at, #119, 4th cross, 1st Main, J.R. Nagar, Rayapuram, Bangalore-560018
... Respondent

Whereas, the petitioner above named has filed the above petition under section 10 (1) (i), (ix) and (x) of Indian Divorce Act, 1869 filed for dissolving of the marriage solemnized between you and petitioner on 06-05-2006 at St. Mary's Basilica Church, Ms. Neoma Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. Hence you are hereby directed to be present before this Hon'ble V Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Bangalore on 16-12-2025 at 11.00 A.M. personally or through a pleader duly instructed by you, failing which the matter will be heard in your absence, placing you ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 26th day of September 2025 at Bangalore.

by order of the court.
Seal & Sd/-
Senior Sheristadar
Family Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Petitioner
Intellectia
S.Dinesh & Associates, Advocate,
No.35/6, Krishna Residency, Langford Road Cross, Bangalore-560025.
Mob. No.9845097323

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. BE-29-2025-26-OT-17-19 (Invites E-Tendering)

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, (Through E-Tenders for the following work:

Tender No	Description in Work	Approx. Value	Tender Closing Date Time
BE-29-2025-26-OT-19	Provision of standby, augmentation and replacement of defective HTUG & HTUG cables over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 3,82,48,282/-	12-12-2025 / 15:00 Hrs
BE-29-2025-26-OT-17	Electrical arrangements- 1) Provision of Quick coach watering system for all 6 platforms at Bangarpet station. 2) Lighting arrangement for playground at MG Colony, Bengaluru. 3) Provision of energy efficient air-conditioning units in place of old conventional AC units and provision of new solar water heaters in place of out of codal life/defective solar water heaters over Bengaluru Division. 4) Rearranging of existing BESSCOM HT&LT overhead lines of Seththalli village obstructing transportation of heavy trucks at SET goods shed. 5) Provision of Automatic Power Factor Correction (APFC) panel at Yassvantpur Sub-station.	Rs. 1,91,26,319/-	10-12-2025 / 15:00 Hrs

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date

PUB/668/IAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26 Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General/Bangaluru

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This is to inform the General Public that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its Owner **SRI. M. P. RAVI**, S/o Sri M Puttaswamy, aged about 60 Years, Residing at No.742, 5th Main, 9th Cross, Near New Public School Ground, MC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560 040 - Aadhar No. 5952 6495 9245, PAN No. AKHP8838L, who represent to my client that he is the absolute Owner of the **Schedule Property** having acquired by way of a vide Sale deed dated: 23.06.2023 which is registered as Document No.BDA-1-00842/2023-24 dated: 26.06.2023 at the office of the Sub-Registrar, BDA, Bangalore. Owner **SRI. M. P. RAVI** also represents that he has entered into an agreement of sale without Possession Dated: 10.05.2025 with Sri G Manjunath which is Registered as Document No.RRN-1-00962/2025-26 Dated: 13.05.2025 at the office of The Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Rajarajeshwarinagar), Bangalore. Owner **SRI. M.P. RAVI** also represents that he will cancel the said agreement of Sale with G. Manjunath

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No. 2008, formed by Bangalore development Authority in Block No.3, SIR M VISVESWARAYA LAYOUT, Bangalore, measuring East to West 18 Meters, North to South 12 Meters, in total 216 Square meters and bounded on by: East: Road West: Site No.1990 North: Site No.2007 South: Site No.2009.

Sd/- **SANGRAM S. SAVANTH** - M/S: SARALA LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates
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Place: Bangalore Dated: 24.11.2025

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated reminders, consequently these dates have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/c/s to realize the amounts due to them.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	MR. DHANANJAYA LOAN A/c No.410600001777	03.11.2025	Rs. 387967.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property of vacant Site bearing No.43, Katha No.499, formed in Survey No.46/2, situated at Mallapur Village, Kasba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, and Bangalore Rural District. Whereas Vendors Serial No.1, above are totally holding 1A-03 Guntas (One acre and Zero Three Guntas) of land in Survey No.46/2, (forty Six sub two) at Serial No.2 above are holding 0-29 guntas (Zero Twenty Nine Guntas) of land in same survey No.46/2 (Forty Six sub two) Totally measuring 1A 32 Guntas has been converted for non - agricultural residential purpose by the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore Rural District vide Order No.:ALN(N)SR154/2006-07, dated 10.12.2008, respectively formed in the Layout known as "Royal Solitaire", Layout Plan approved by the Nelamangala Planning Authority vide No.NPA/LAO/27/2008-09, dated 30-07-2009 and sites are released by Nelamangala Planning Authority vide No.NPA/LAO/27/2008-09, dated 20-08-2009 and 27.10.2010 Site No.43 measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 30 feet in all total area measuring 900 Sq. Feet and bounded as follows: East by: Private Property West by: Road, North by: Private Property South by: Site No.44.
2.	MR.ADITHYA SIDDAPURA JAGADEESH LOAN A/c No. 411800006643	04.11.2025	Rs. 1254780.00	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of converted land / s (i) measuring 4 Acres 5 Guntas, in survey No.41/1, (ii) measuring 4 Acres 2 1/2 Guntas, in Survey No.41/2 and (iii) land measuring 1 Acre 28 1/2 Guntas in Survey No.44/3, situated at Kempadayanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, converted for non-agricultural residential purposes under the Official Memorandum dated 04-09-2013 Vide No.ALN/CR/07/2013-14 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara District, Ramanagara and bounded on the East by: Land in Sy.Nos. 42 & 45, West by: Land Sy.No.36, North by: Land in Sy.No.42 & Remaining land in Sy.No.44/3, South by: Road. SCHEDULE 'B' : (Property covered under this Sale Deed, conveyed by the VENDORS in favour of the PURCHASER) SCHEDULE 'C' All that piece and parcel of entire vacant residential Site bearing No.122, Khata No.221/122, PID Number 152900400301420734 carved out of "A" schedule property, and of the layout, approved by Greater Bangalore Bidadi Smart City Planning Authority, Vide No.GBBSCPA/LAO/01A/2015-16, dated 17.02.2020, Layout known as "SLV WONDER WOODS - Phase 2", measuring East to West: 15.24 Meters and North to South: 9.14 Meters, in all ad-measuring 139.30 Sq.mtrs., situated at Kempadayanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, and bounded on the : East by: Road, West by: Site No.145, North by: Site No.123, South by: Site No.121.
3.	MR. CHIKKARANGAIAH K A LOAN A/c No. 410700005042	05.11.2025	Rs. 761422.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential bearing Site No.30, PID No.150200202800503393 carved in Sy.No.83/1, measuring 4 acres 31 Guntas, converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Official Memorandum No.ALN/NDH/SR-747/2010-11 dated 16.09.2010 issued by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore and Layout approved by Nelamangala Planning Authority No.NPA/LAO/38/2010-11, dated 21.06.2011, and House List No.1754, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet in all total 1200 sq. Feet and situated at Sri Basaveswara Layout, Bettanagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on the : East by: Site No.2, West by: Road, North by: Site No.31, South by: Site No.29.

Place : Ramanagara / Nelamangala Date: 24.11.2025

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NITISH KUMAR KNOWS BIHAR'S GAPS, NOW HE MUST CLOSE THEM

EIGHTEEN years at the helm should give any leader clarity about what his state truly needs. Nitish Kumar returns as Bihar's chief minister for the tenth time with that advantage—he knows better than anyone why Bihar has struggled to rise even as the rest of India races ahead. Yet knowledge alone is no longer enough. Bihar's fundamental challenge is not growth itself—its GSDP regularly posts healthy numbers—but the quality and depth of that growth. A per capita income that is roughly one-third of the national average captures the structural imbalance. A state with abundant labour and a young demographic continues to operate like a low-income, low-productivity economy. Three-quarters of households remain tied to agriculture that generates barely a quarter of output. Services dominate but are concentrated in low-value, low-wage activity. Manufacturing is chronically underdeveloped. This imbalance is at the heart of Bihar's 'laggard' image.

The easy political instinct is to reach for cash transfers and quick welfare wins. However, a state where 74 percent of revenues come from the Centre, and where 42 percent of receipts are swallowed by salaries, pensions and interest, simply cannot fund grand doles without starving investment. Bihar's problem is not just the availability of money—it is the sliver of discretionary funds left each year for development, often squeezed further by populism. Promising ₹10,000 to women repeatedly may mobilise voters, but the expenditure needs to be budgeted for annually without slicing off allocations for job avenues, functioning schools, skilled labour or reliable electricity. Double-engine sarkar doesn't mean perpetual dependence on Delhi to bridge its deficits.

A new mindset is essential: one that treats development as a scientific, rational exercise rather than an electoral offering. That means modernising agriculture through integrated agro-industrial clusters—not merely celebrating makhana, but using it as a symbol of value-addition and export-oriented processing. It means attracting private investment by fixing policing, digitising governance, and insulating projects from corruption. It requires linking migration remittances to local enterprise, modernising skilling, and building an urban-industrial ecosystem capable of harvesting Bihar's demographic dividend.

Nitish Kumar has the political authority, experience and mandate to begin this shift. His test is whether he can move Bihar from a culture of ad hoc measures to a long-term, execution-focused economic strategy. That will decide whether Bihar finally converges with the rest of India.

NO SPARING THE GUILTY IN BLACKBUCK DEATHS IN ZOO

THE deaths of 31 out of 38 blackbucks at the Kittur Rani Chennamma Mini Zoo in Belagavi, Karnataka, are more than an institutional embarrassment. They are a moral failure. These animals—icons of India's grassland heritage and listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972—died not because Hemorrhagic Septicemia (HS) is unstoppable, but because the authorities ignored every early warning they received. HS is notorious for its speed: a three- to five-day incubation window that leaves no time for bureaucratic dithering. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology & Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI) had issued not one but two 'Vet Alerts' through its AI-assisted National Animal Disease Referral Expert System (NADRES), clearly identifying Belagavi as a district at risk. These alerts were not academic memos. They called for surveillance, biosecurity, controlled access, equipment disinfection, quarantine measures, and—crucially—timely vaccinations. The science was clear. The instructions were precise. The responsibility was unmistakable.

The tragedy is even more troubling because these blackbucks were not vulnerable wild wanderers but captive animals living under State supervision. It is impossible not to recall how fiercely the country debated the Salman Khan blackbuck case in 1998, when his alleged actions in the wild dominated national headlines. Here, by contrast, we have protected animals dying within government custody. Although HS outbreaks in zoos are not often talked about, they are not unheard of. In 2022, a study from the Sri Sayajibaug Zoo in Vadodara recorded an HS outbreak among blackbucks. Eight animals recovered after timely treatment, while three died. Tests confirmed HS in their lungs, liver, and kidneys. The episode showed how quickly veterinarians' actions can save lives, but it also highlighted the delicate nature of captive antelopes. Herbivores like blackbucks are easily affected by stress, poor enclosure conditions, and biosecurity measures. Constant vigilance is essential.

Zoos need to be open about any disease outbreaks, even small ones, and keep their wildlife health records updated and accessible. This transparency helps reveal early warning signs and pushes institutions to improve their systems. The Belagavi tragedy is an alarm bell: India's zoos must realise that when early warnings are given, failing to act is a serious breach of duty. Only a culture built on honesty, readiness, and responsibility can stop another preventable loss.

QUICK TAKE

BAFFLING BLISS

TIME Out's City Life Index 2025 ranks Mumbai Asia's happiest city. That sounds almost mischievous when you consider the city's daily realities. This is, after all, a place where a modest 1BHK can cost half a salary, roads vanish in potholes faster than budget announcements, and the freshly minted Coastal Road is already developing leaks. So why, despite the chaos, do people still adore this city? Maybe because Mumbai's joy isn't built on comfort but on incessant momentum that keeps despair at bay. The hustle gives purpose, the crowds offer community, and the madness feels strangely honest. You don't love Mumbai despite its flaws—you love it through them.

THE response of the Supreme Court to the Presidential Reference has raised more questions than it has answered. It is constitutionally flawed and politically troublesome.

Let us first examine what the Constitution Bench has done right. It has held that neither the Governor nor the President can withhold a Bill passed by the State Legislature interminably. That is a no-brainer. The Supreme Court could not have held otherwise. Secondly, it is held that, in the event the Governor or the President, as the case may be, sits over a Bill for an unduly prolonged period, limited judicial review is available, that too only on the question of delay.

The advice rendered has both constitutionally and politically problematic consequences. The constitutional consequences are as follows:

(i) The advice negatively impacts the federal structure of the country;

(ii) The subjective satisfaction of the Governor, at the initial stage and later of the President, is immune from judicial challenge; and

(iii) The plenary powers of the State Legislatures can be thwarted by executive fiat, through the Governor or the President, by unduly delaying implementation of the will of the people.

Under our Constitution, the State Legislature has plenary powers to legislate on subjects which are exclusively in its domain, as set out in List-II of the Seventh Schedule. If a Bill is passed by the State Legislature in respect of a subject matter within its exclusive domain, the Governor or the President withholding such a Bill is anathema to the country's federal structure. Take a Bill where the State Legislature seeks to amend a statute by taking away the Governor's power to appoint Vice Chancellors to universities. Since that power is conferred by the Legislature, it has the plenary power to take away that right. The Governor cannot have the discretion to withhold assent to such a Bill. Yet, the advice on the Presidential Reference allows the Governor to do so. The executive power of the Governor cannot, as a matter of law, thwart the people's will reflected in state legislation. In fact, the first proviso to Article 200 stipulates that the Governor may, as soon as possible, after a Bill is presented to him, either assent to the Bill or suggest amendments thereto; and if the House or Houses reconsider the Bill and present it again to the Governor

The Court's advice that the Governor or President's subjective satisfaction is immune from judicial review has no constitutional precedent in the context of legislation that reflects the people's will

COURT'S RULING CLOUDS FEDERAL BALANCE FURTHER

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nor with or without amendments, the Governor cannot withhold assent therefrom. There is no constitutional space for the Courts to advise otherwise. However, the Court, in its advice to the President, seems to have held that even if the Legislature returns the Bill, the Governor can still withhold assent, or reserve it for the President's consideration, contrary to the first proviso to Article 200 referred above. This is yet another blow to the country's federal structure.

The Court's advice that the subjective satisfaction of the Governor or the President is immune from judicial review has no constitutional precedent, especially in the context of legislation that reflects the people's will. In other words, the Execu-

tive's opposition to the people's will cannot be the subject matter of a judicial challenge. Even the President's subjective satisfaction in the imposition of the President's Rule in a state and the rejection of a mercy petition are also subject to judicial challenge. Here, the embargo on the judicial challenge is with reference to legislation expressing the people's will. Such an embargo is not only contrary to the federal structure, but also seriously jeopardises the constitutional premise that the will of the people must be respected, and that the executive cannot thwart it on the basis of subjective satisfaction.

There can be only one occasion for the Executive to reserve a Bill for the President's consideration. It is when

LOVE BEYOND TRIALS

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

have arrived in the flowering forest of Panchavati in a green valley by the Godavari, with mountains all around. They're looking for a place in which to build their little hermitage, as safe as possible from the snakes and wild animals in the forest. Rama notes with satisfaction the ideal location of a woodland glade full of flowering creepers and shrubs. It is conveniently located by the river, on which they see swans and chakravaka birds, just as Rishi Agastya had told them they would.



WINNIE DUTTA

What goes in the Indian heart to celebrate Rama and Sita's union is the luminous quality of the love they shared, their mutual loyalty, unflinching acceptance of life's twists and turns, and especially, how they made the best of things

Rama notices that the coppery mineral streaks in the mountains catch the light and gleam like the oval vents in the houses and buildings back in Ayodhya, or like the ceremonially painted hides of the royal elephants in the Ikshvaku stables. There's a lovely lake near the glade, in which deep pink and pure white lotuses bloom. Thick grass grows handily around to perform their daily prayers with the earth connection that is an essential part of their faith.

Sita, who loves gardens and parks, finds the air sweet with the scent of golden champaka flowers. Rama is delighted to see many other kinds of trees too—sal, tamal, jackfruit, mango, date palm, ashok, shami and

kimshuk. He turns to Lakshmana and says, "Will you make a *parna-shala*, a thatched cottage, for us in this pleasant place by the Godavari?"

He doesn't give Lakshmana a single order, nor does Sita tell him to do this or do that. Old-style commentators may like to remind us that Lakshmana is bound to serve Rama anyway as the avatar of Adishesha, the cosmic serpent. That may be so in theology, but story-wise, in their earthly situation, it's a great gesture of respect, trust and delicacy from Rama and Sita.

Thus, Lakshmana, a prince who's never made a cottage before, gets to work. He raises a high clay floor, makes strong bamboo pillars for the clay walls, and rafters of shami branches. He creates a snug thatch of kusa and kaasa, grass and leaves. He has independent charge of the project while Rama and Sita gather kindling and food for each day, be it roots, fruit and berries or venison that Rama hunts.

In passing, it's true that some people view Rama's diet through their own preferences. However, on page 120 of the 2014 edition of C Rajagopalachari's *Ramayana*, originally published in 1951, Rajaji, a strict vegetarian himself, matter-of-factly states that three ate meat, noting that it was normal for them.

Lakshmana builds an admirable cottage so well that it thrills Rama and Sita. Rama is so moved that he hugs Lakshmana and says, "It's like father is back", meaning that Lakshmana has shown so much love and care in making the *parna-shala* that Rama, grieving for Raja Dasaratha, feels comforted.

As family situations go, it seems to be about giving each other space and, in turn, doing our thoughtful best for each other. Valmiki is subtle like that. He reports such moving incidents without commentary, leaving it to us to notice the positive nuances. This is grown-up storytelling, which is another reason this epic has gone so deep. Not that people really require reasons, I feel, to celebrate the wedding of Rama and Sita.

(Views are personal) (shebaba09@gmail.com)

the Governor believes that the Bill relating to a subject matter in the Concurrent List (List-III) trenches upon the law enacted by Parliament. In that case, the Bill can be sent back under Article 200, as soon as possible, to the Legislature with a message to that effect, which the Legislature is constitutionally bound to consider. However, if in the Legislature's opinion, there is no conflict and the Bill is passed again, there is no space for the Governor or the President to hold back that legislation. In such an eventuality, the matter will be decided by the affected parties through a judicial process under Article 226 of the Constitution. There is no other reasonable way to interpret Articles 200 and 201 of the Constitution.

Let us now deal with the problematic political consequences of the advice.

Once the Legislature clears a Bill, how long the Executive can sit over it is not clear from the Court's advice to the President. How long is too long is unclear. What a prolonged delay means is unclear. How the facts and circumstances determine such an issue is unclear. No answers to why the assent of the Governor be prolonged; why should the Governor have to reserve it for the President's consideration; and why should the Executive not be obliged to give reasons for opposition to the Bill. The reasons for the Executive's inaction will not be before the Court, as that part is not justiciable. This is going to lead to litigation. The nature of court processes, which are tardy and invariably delayed, will adversely impact the implementation of the enactment, apart from serious political implications.

The court is, I suppose, aware that in recent years, Governors have acted beyond their constitutionally assigned roles, especially in states where the opposition is in power. We have seen this happen in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala, and elsewhere. The court cannot be blind to the realities of the Governors' actions or inaction, which are all in the public domain.

I am afraid the advice rendered by the Court, in response to the Presidential reference, is not well thought out. Instead of providing clarity, it adds uncertainty to the passage of Bills, which reflect the people's will. A recent Supreme Court judgement that sought to provide some certainty amid Governors' prolonged inaction has been overturned.

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Democratic decay

Ref: *Cavilling oppn perilling democracy* (Nov 23). Democracy rarely dies in spectacle; it decays when those meant to defend it forget how to lead. The Bihar verdict exposes an opposition that offers commentary instead of conviction and unity without purpose. India cannot rely indefinitely on a single dominant narrative. Unless a credible, grounded and morally compelling alternative emerges, the democratic balance will keep sliding toward dangerous complacency. **K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru**

States' efficiency

Ref: *States stuck with gov delays* (Nov 22). The Governor's role is to ensure the state's welfare, not to create unnecessary hurdles in legislative flow. Any person with a political background must not be appointed as Governor for effective and fair relations with the state government. **Navneet Seth, Bathinda**

Media's duties

Ref: *From chic and chicory to Chikiri Chikiri* (Nov 23). The article effectively conveys regional cinema's vital role. Essential media coverage is needed on issues such as marginalisation of indigenous people who are deprived of climate and riparian justice arising from irrigation projects. Recognition by the media through rigorous reporting is crucial for an informed public discourse. **NR Jagannath, Bengaluru**

Implementation goals

Ref: *PM Modi @G20* (Nov 23). The meet underscored the collective push to advance AI for global progress while strengthening efforts to curb terrorism. However, as goals take shape, one must ask: Will nations turn promises into action? **Lestern, Thiruvananthapuram**

Reading rut

Ref: *Mind your language, affluent teens, says CBSE* (Nov 23). I am reminded of a proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." Only a reading habit can wean children from addictive online media consumption. The education board's aforesaid exhortation could not have come at a better time. **S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai**

Testing times

Ref: *Head-lining act* (Nov 23). A five-day encounter ending in under two days with nineteen wickets falling on the first day is a poor augury for Test cricket. The format has been ceding ground. A Test match should go the full distance. **C V Aravind, Chennai**

France calls Pak claim on Op Sindoor disinformation

Trashes report that asserted air superiority against India in the conflict

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE French Navy on Sunday refuted the Pakistan media claims of downing the IAF fighters as “extensive misinformation”, and added that the article on Operation Sindoor published by Pakistani media contained both “misinformation and disinformation.”

The claim in the article, attributed to a French commander, had talked about Pakistan's air superiority over India during the May 2025 conflict and the loss of Rafale jets.

“These statements were attributed to Captain Launay, who never gave his consent for any form of publication. The article contains extensive misinformation and disinformation,” it said.

“When asked about Operation Sindoor, he neither confirmed nor denied that Indian aircraft had been shot down. He refused to comment on possible jamming of the Indian Rafale by Chinese systems,” the Navy clarified.

Earlier published in Pakistan's Geo TV, the article had claimed that the French Naval commander Captain Jaquis Launay had confirmed Pakistan's dominance in the aerial engagement during Operation Sindoor. The article had articu-



India, Australia conduct joint naval exercise

The Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri, an example of India's indigenous defence capabilities, participated in a bilateral exercise alongside HMAS Ballarat of the Royal Australian Navy in the Northern Pacific. The exercise, AUSINDEX 2025, is aimed at boosting interoperability and deepening the strategic partnership between the two maritime nations, the Indian Navy said. The warships and aircraft of the two navies conducted intensive joint naval drills, underscoring the two countries' shared commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

lated that the Pakistan Air Force was “better prepared” thus bringing down IAF's Rafale fighters and not because of the technological superiority of the Chinese J-10C fighters.

It had led to sharp discussions online and was dubbed an “anti-India” propaganda in the Pakistani media.

In May, India launched a swift military operation against Pakistan, codenamed Operation Sindoor, in response to the

Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. It was a joint mission conducted by the IAF and the Indian Army to wipe out terrorist infrastructures inside Pakistan and PoK. Air Chief Marshal AP Singh had said in October Pakistan lost as many as 12 to 13 aircraft, including fighter jets such as US-made F-16s and Chinese-origin JF-17s, to the IAF's precision strikes on ground and in the air during Operation Sindoor.

Ukraine foreign minister dials EAM amid US peace plan

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

WITH Washington's deadline fast approaching for Kyiv to accept US President Donald Trump's contentious 28-point peace plan, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha reached out to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to brief him on the diplomatic efforts to end the nearly four-year conflict with Russia.

Trump has given Ukraine until November 27 to approve the proposal— a plan that would require Kyiv to cede territory sought by Moscow, reduce its army, and commit to never joining NATO. Negotiators are set to meet in Switzerland in what is shaping up to be one of the most consequential rounds of talks since the conflict began.

Sybiha, posting on X, said: “I had a call with India's External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and informed him about the dynamics of peace efforts and upcoming talks. We exchanged assessments of the current developments.”

Jaishankar, talking about the phone conversation, said that he appreciated Sybiha's briefing and reiterated India's support for an early end to the conflict and the establishment of an enduring peace.



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S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister

“Appreciate his briefing on the ongoing developments related to the Ukraine conflict. Reiterated India's support for an early end to this conflict and the establishment of an enduring peace,” Jaishankar said.

The Trump plan, described by his special envoy for Ukraine, Keith Kellogg, as “a work in progress,” has sparked unease in Europe, with Ukrainian allies stressing that the proposal still requires “additional work.” European diplomats, gathered on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, talked about a counteroffer aimed at strengthening Kyiv's hand, amid pressure from US.

UGC to bring mentors to train teachers, colleges asked for nominations

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

TO set the ball rolling for the education ministry's National Mission for Mentoring (NMM) initiative, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to nominate teaching faculty so that they can be onboarded as national mentors for school teachers. “The faculty need to have an inclination for mentoring teachers,” a notification from the UGC Secretary Manish R Joshi said.

This flagship initiative of the Department of School Education and Literacy, envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020, aims to strengthen the professional development of school teachers across the country. NMM aims to create a pool of 1,000 mentors from across the country.

NMM entrusted the responsibility of the initiative to the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). The council had last year released a comprehensive document on the mission (NMM - The Blue Book) with a detailed roadmap of its framework and imple-

mentation strategy.

NEP stresses the critical role that teachers play in shaping the future of the nation, with emphasis on supporting and empowering them.

The Bluebook quotes the unified district information system for education to highlight that India has approximately 95 lakh teachers in its schools, which include permanent, contractual and para teachers (Shiksha Mitra and Niyojit Shishkhak).

“The mission will serve as a platform for knowledge sharing, collaboration and reflection. The role of mentors is to provide guidance, support and expertise to their mentees,” the document adds.

These aspects figure in the NMM - creation of resources that will assist the mentoring programmes. Translation of mentoring resources, capacity building of mentors, and non-monetary initiatives like awards and certificates figure in the mission. The document states that continuous evaluation of the programme and feedback from both mentors and mentees need to be carried out.



Amid criticism, Cong insists INDIA bloc united, will manage floor well

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the Winter session of Parliament, Congress whip and party's parliamentary strategy group member Manickam Tagore on Sunday asserted that the INDIA alliance remains united and the party is committed to taking other parties along. The session, with 15 sittings, is slated to begin on December 1 and conclude on December 19.

Speaking to this newspaper, the Tamil Nadu MP said the Congress would work in tandem with its INDIA bloc partners and firm up floor coordination after the all-party meeting scheduled for November 30.

“Congress is committed to taking other parties along. We don't take any unilateral decisions. We are very clear that floor coordination will be stronger,” Tagore said, noting that the bloc has tried to improve its joint strategy in Parliament. “We hope it will be issue-based coordination. This time as well, we expect the issues to take centre stage.”

Tagore added that the Congress and its allies are prepared to present a cohesive front on key matters expected to come up during the session.

The all-party meeting is crucial, said Tagore adding that it



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Manickam Tagore, Congress whip

will determine whether the government is willing to discuss the Opposition's demands, particularly the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in nine states and Union Territories, as well as other issues that he said have significantly affected people.

“What the government is ready to offer is very important,” he said. “There will be a demand for discussion on the SIR, on vote theft, and on many other matters. Democracy is under attack, and we want the government to be open with the Opposition.” He added that the

Opposition will attend the meeting “with an open mind.”

The leader said the Opposition wants Parliament to function effectively and insisted that the House must take up issues that require urgent discussion.

“We want the people's issues to be discussed, but the government's arrogance is preventing Parliament from running smoothly,” he alleged. “They are curtailing the number of sitting days. The Prime Minister is not coming to Parliament; he is not answering questions. This is the attitude of the government, and the Parliamentary Affairs Minister is leading this bulldozing approach.”

He added that in previous sessions as well, the Opposition had been ready for debate. Tagore noted that the party has always believed in taking everyone along, even though electoral setbacks do occur. Referring to the recent results in Bihar, he said the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) was the major partner while Congress played a junior role, and the defeat affected the entire Mahagathabandhan.

He attributed part of the setback to “unfairness” in the process overseen by the Election Commission, and said that the alliance continues to function as a team.

PMO presses for ‘ease of living’

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has instructed ministries to identify petty violations that needlessly draw ordinary people into disproportionate legal complications. Emphasising “ease of living” for citizens, the move aims to decriminalise minor lapses and discard outdated regulations. The PMO has also said that India's laws should reflect today's realities, not the paperwork of a bygone era. At its core, the initiative aims to simplify compliance, streamline governance, and demonstrate that a modern nation cannot be governed by antiquated rules. Ultimately, this reform is about more than reducing cases—it is about restoring common sense.

Babus worry about pension

Serving and retired IAS officers are increasingly uneasy about government orders to the 8th Central Pay Commission to assess the “unfunded cost of non-contributory pension schemes”. Officers under the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), funded by the Consolidated Fund of India, are closely watching the implications. A new government circular requires IAS officers to choose their pension option—OPS, the National Pension System (NPS), or the Unified Pension Scheme—by November 30, 2025. The OPS covered all officers appointed before April 1, 2005. After this date, the government introduced the contributory NPS for most civil servants, while IAS officers and defence personnel remained under OPS for a brief period. The current review has reignited debate over pension liabilities and long-term financial security.

Of early warnings & sense of humour

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, in a warm exchange with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit, quipped that India's experience with the G20 had been quite the “learning” for his country. Thanking India for its support as South Africa hosted its first-ever G20 summit, he joked, “You should have warned us how difficult it is—we might have run away!” This year's summit came with its own unusual twist: the United States chose to stay away, a decision that drew particular attention considering it is slated to host the next gathering. There was a public spat between the two countries over the Americans' decision not to take part in the current summit. Despite the unexpected diplomatic wrinkle, South Africa's debut outing appears to have been handled with confidence. Perhaps a touch of humour from the president just helped.



Chirag and star power for politics

The Union minister and chief of the LJP (RV) is known not just for his political clout but also for his enthusiastic faith in astrology, Kundali matching, planetary analysis, favourable yogas—he reportedly consults them all. Party insiders claim he even weighs candidature proposals against the contenders' horoscopes. During the Bihar Assembly polls, those blessed with a “stronger rajyog” reportedly ranked higher in the ticket queue. Despite his devotion to the stars, Chirag still talks often of karma, aligning it neatly with his “Bihar First, Bihar First” mantra. His colourful bracelets and sparkling rings—including a much-discussed silver thumb ring—seem to complete the picture. And perhaps a few well-timed horoscopes helped light the Chirag for his candidates in Bihar.



Wives are no secretaries or helpdesks!

At the Goa film festival, Suhasini Maniratnam seemed to have had her patience tested once too often. While chatting at an IFFI sidebar event, she reportedly found herself fielding more questions about her husband, filmmaker Mani Ratnam, than about her work. Suhasini, who was hosting a conversation with Khushboo Sundar, gently—but firmly—reminded everyone that wives are not automatically secretaries, spokespeople, or helpdesks for their husbands. Women, she noted, do manage to exist as individuals with their own professional identities. If someone truly wants insights from Mani Ratnam, she quipped, perhaps they could try the radical step of asking him directly. A small, pointed reminder that autonomy isn't too much to expect, yet often elusive.



The missing half of Viksit Bharat: A case for labour codes as growth strategy

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FOR India to become a \$30 trillion economy by 2047, increasing women's workforce participation is imperative. Female labour force participation stands at 41.7%, and Viksit Bharat aims to raise this to 70%. Bridging this 30-point gap, at its core, is about unlocking national productivity and ensuring India's growth story is shaped by all, not just half. Despite gains in education, digital access, and entrepreneurship, much potential remains untapped. India must build a labour ecosystem that enables women to enter, remain, and advance, and the implementation of India's unified labour codes presents a rare opportu-

nity to dismantle these systemic barriers and convert inclusion into productivity.

Consider this—Sita, a registered e-Shram worker in Uttar Pradesh, stitches garments at home for a contractor, earning an irregular income while raising two children with no access to childcare. For women like her, the new labour codes can be a gamechanger. A nearby textile factory is now hiring women for shift work with formal contracts. For the first time, India's labour law architecture is poised to become an enabler rather than a barrier for millions of women like Sita.

The labour codes, enacted between 2019 and 2020, consolidate 29 fragmented laws into

four streamlined frameworks: the Codes on Wages, Social Security, Occupational Safety, and Industrial Relations. The legislative intent is bold, and now multiple states are rapidly moving towards rolling them out. India has a crucial window to translate intent into impact, and here's what this impact looks like.

Social security: Visibility as a first step

The Code on Social Security establishes a National Social Security Board for gig and unorganised workers, covering maternity, health insurance, pensions, and childcare. The e-Shram portal has over 30.6 crore workers registered, of which 53%, i.e., 16 crore are women. The linkage between the portal and the Aadhaar-based UAN makes these entitlements portable across locations and sectors. This infrastructure can reduce attrition during major life transitions like childbirth or caregiving. Visi-

bility is just the first step. The linkage of registration to welfare delivery systems must be fast-tracked to ensure women don't just have IDs, but access to real support. This could redefine how we protect and re-

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tain women across their employment lifecycles.

Care as economic infrastructure

Ask any woman why she left a job, and the answer often circles back to one word—childcare. The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code tackles just this, by enabling clusters of MSMEs, who employ 62% of India's workers,

ise these creches at scale, especially in industrial corridors and SEZs, so that no mother has to choose between a job and her child's care.

Opening doors to round-the-clock economy

Section 43 of the OSH Code permits women to work in any sector, including night shifts between 7 pm and 6 am, and even in mines, provided they con-

sent and adequate safety measures are ensured. The economic logic is clear. Enabling women to participate in growth sectors that operate round the clock creates a win-win for inclusion and competitiveness. As best practices emerge and are shared across states, we can expect wider adoption and refinement of these enabling provisions.

Institutionalising women's voices: A seat at the table

The Code on Wages—among the most thoughtful reforms—mandates that one-third of all Central and State Advisory Board members be women. These boards are empowered to shape wage policy, expand women's employment, and advise on flexible work arrangements. This institutional design is essential for building policies that reflect the realities of diverse workers, and making inclusion is made baseline, rather than an afterthought. As more states

activate these boards, gender-responsive policy making will move from the margins to the mainstream. The new labour codes offer a foundational opportunity, and while the Centre has laid the groundwork, real transformation will happen at the state level, and our ability to scale. States that swiftly harmonise rules, integrate social security systems, activate advisory boards, and track gender-disaggregated outcomes will lead on employment metrics. These codes are not silver bullets, but they are powerful levers to address structural bottlenecks. Implemented right, they can expand India's talent pipeline and unlock our demographic dividend exponentially. The labour codes must not be seen as bureaucratic reform, but as the scaffolding for an inclusive economy. With the rollout underway, India must act decisively to build a system that treats women not as beneficiaries, but as co-architects of Viksit Bharat.

● Say show-cause notices served on them without inquiry and central leadership's approval ● Determined to bring change in Bihar: JSP chief

Rebels blame Bihar Cong leaders for poll debacle

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

INTERNAL conflict within the Bihar Congress unit has escalated after all the 43 leaders, who were served with show-cause notices by the disciplinary committee last week for their 'anti-party activities, submitted their responses, dismissing the charges.

The group, described as rebels, accused the state leadership of acting arbitrarily and ignoring organisational procedures. The members of the group held discussions among themselves ahead of sending their responses to the notices.

Hitting out at the state leadership, the rebels said notices were served on them without a disciplinary inquiry and clearance from national leadership. As per rules, central leadership's approval is mandatory in such cases, they said.

Accusing state president Rajesh Kumar of running the organisation through unilateral decisions and sidelining internal dialogue, the rebels said he did not pay heed to complaints made from workers at district and block levels.

They alleged that lack of dialogue among workers has weakened the party's structure at grassroots, which reflected in the assembly polls. "The state leaders are puppets in the



Action after disciplinary committee report: Leader

A senior Congress leader stated that the rebels' responses were under review of the disciplinary committee. "Further action will be taken on the basis of the committee's report," he said. The leader, who did not wish to be named, said that the central leadership would be apprised of the recommendation of the disciplinary committee.

hands of RSS-BJP," they claimed. The leaders said any harsh action against them would further cause loss to the party after the poll debacle. "The central leadership should focus on resolving issues within party," they said.

When contacted, a senior Congress leader said the rebels' responses were under review of the disciplinary committee. "Further action will be taken on the basis of the committee's report," he said.

The leader who did not wish

to be named said that the central leadership would be apprised of the recommendation of the disciplinary committee. "The party functions under certain rules and they will be followed in this case as well," he said.

Meanwhile, rebel leaders seem not in a mood to relent. They said that they would discuss future course of action at their next meeting if their voices were suppressed further. "We have raised issues in the interest of the organisation," they claimed.

Kishor sees hand of 'invincible powers' in rout

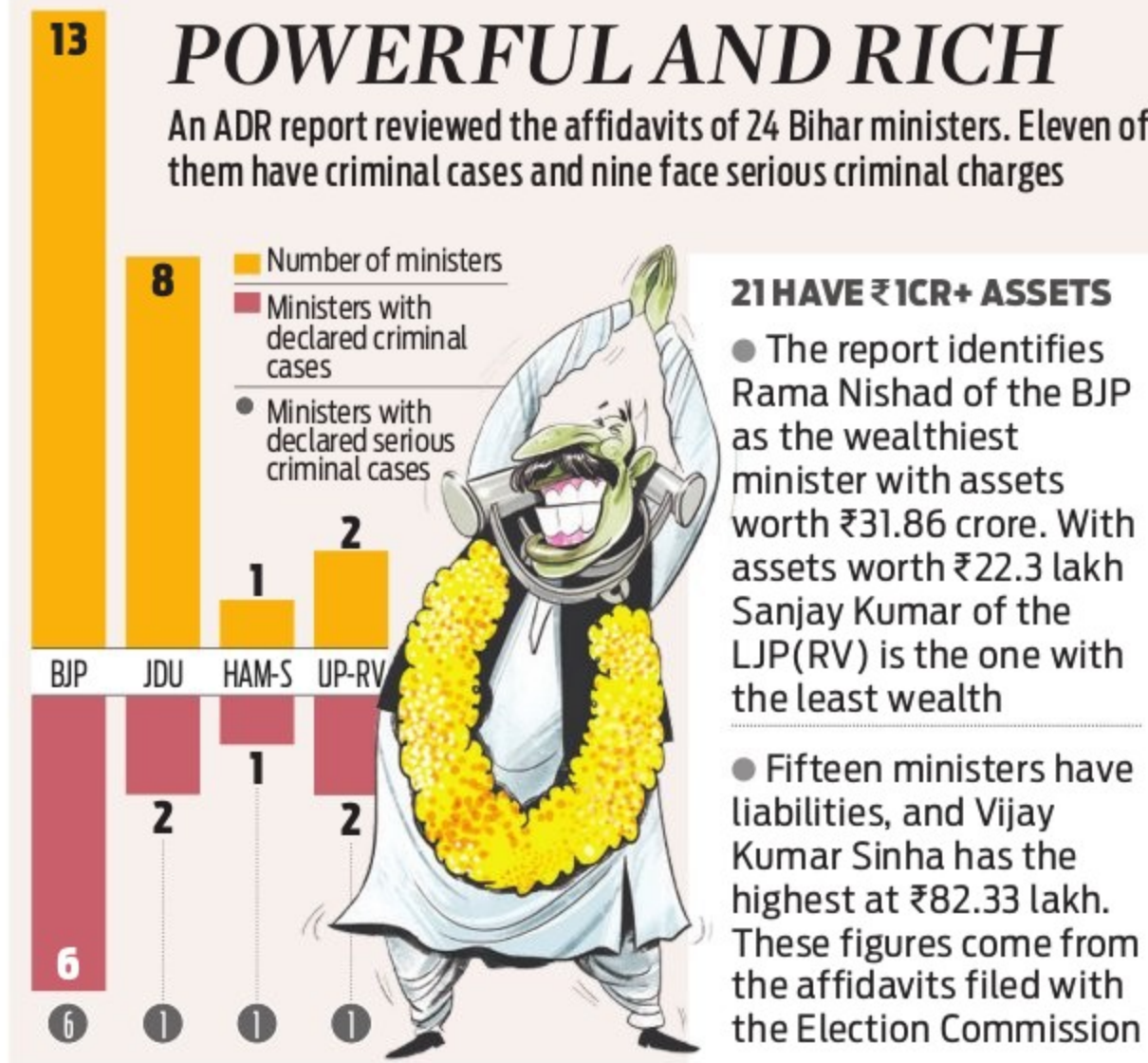
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ELECTION strategist-turned politician Prashant Kishor on Sunday broke his silence over his Jan Suraj Party's drubbings in Bihar assembly elections, claiming that the polls appeared "rigged", although he did not have evidence as of now to substantiate the charge.

"The voting trend does not match with what I had felt on the ground. Something went wrong," Kishor said. He said many people approached him to claim that EVMs were tampered with. "These are mere allegations. We don't have any evidence," Kishor added.

Referring to the NDA scheme to provide ₹10,000 each to lakhs of women ahead of elections, Kishor said the immediate gain might have its impact on elections. "I have not seen such a government distributing money to such an extent in Bihar or elsewhere in India," the JSP founder said. He said fear of Lalu and RJD's so-called 'jungle raj' may have played its role in the elections and people voted in favour of NDA to stop return of 'jungle raj'.

He also dismissed allegations that he would not continue for long in Bihar. "I have come with full determination to bring change in Bihar. I have put everything at risk. The question of going back does not arise," the JSP chief said.



State cabinet has 'criminals' and crorepatris, says ADR

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

NEARLY half of Bihar's ministers face criminal cases and almost all have assets running into crores, according to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The document, 'Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Ministers in the Bihar Assembly 2025', reviews the affidavits of 24 ministers. It shows that 11 of them have criminal cases and nine of them face serious charges such as rioting, assault on public servants, cheating, forgery, grievous hurt and electoral offences. The report notes that criminal allegations cut across party lines. Six BJP ministers have criminal cases, two from JD(U) have similar cases, both ministers of LJP(RV) are named in complaints and the only HAM(S) minister also faces serious charges. No convictions are recorded.

The details show a cabinet with considerable economic strength, as 21 of the 24 ministers have assets above ₹1 crore. The average declared wealth is a little over ₹5.32 crore.

Female elephant electrocuted in Jharkhand forest

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AN elephant died of electrocution after coming into contact with a high-tension wire while returning to the forest in Jharkhand's Garhwa.

According to villagers, the herd of elephants was seen in the village early on Sunday. "While returning to the forest, a herd of elephants collided with an 11,000-volt power pole. The female elephant died after after coming in contact with high-tension wire on the Karimati-Chapkali Road, in Garhwa," said a villager.

Forest officials confirmed that prima facie, it appears that the elephant died of elocution. However, the exact cause of death will only be ascertained only after the post-mortem report is received, they said.

When the villagers spotted the dead jumbo, they informed the forest officials, he added. Later, the team started a probe.

In November 2023, five elephants had died of electrocution together after coming in contact with 33000-volt overhead wire in the jungles of Musabani under Ghatsila sub-division of East Singhbhum district. Also, two wild elephants had died due to electrocution in the region on November 1 and 2 in the same year.

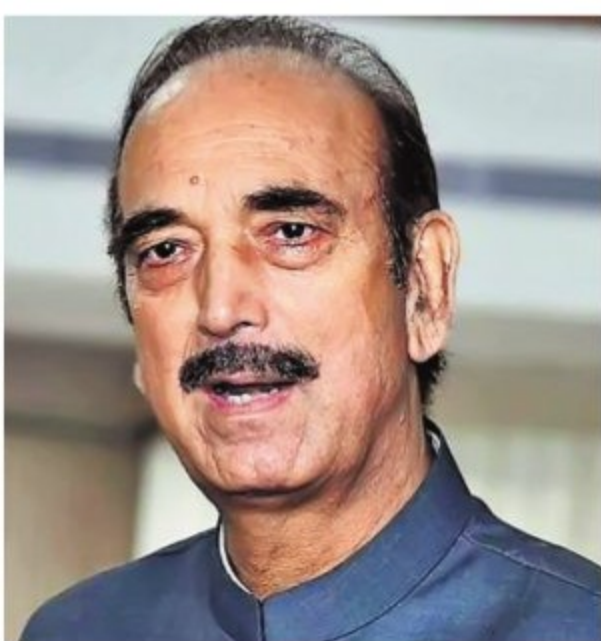
With most party leaders back in Congress, Azad's politics at the crossroads

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN barely three years of its founding, the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP), founded by former Congress veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad, has become largely non-functional, as nearly all leaders who joined from Congress have returned to the parent party.

Azad, the former CM, now has to decide whether to revive the defunct party or withdraw from politics in J&K, where he was a key political player till a few years ago. On November 19, two former ministers Jugal Kishore Sharma and Abdul Majid Wani, along with ex-MLCs Subash Gupta and Brij Mohan Sharma, rejoined Congress after abandoning DPAP. Their return signifies a near-complete reversal of the 2022 exodus, leaving Azad's party with only three active members—Azad himself, party general secretary and former minister RS Chib, and spokesperson Salman Nizami.

The downfall of DPAP started after its disappointing performance in the 2024 J&K Assembly polls. The party had contested 23 out of 90 Assembly seats but failed to win a single seat. The party also drew a



blank in five parliamentary seats from J&K and fared very badly in the polls.

Due to his proximity to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the parties in J&K had been accusing Azad of being BJP's A, B and C team and working for interests of the saffron party.

With his perception of new political venture being a 'failure', an embattled Azad now faces a moment of reckoning. DPAP's Chib said, "Whether the party will continue or be dissolved, the decision lies with Azad. The party has survived solely on Azad's stature".

He attributed part of the party's 'collapse' to Azad's illness during Assembly polls and "betrayal" of senior leaders who abandoned him for Congress.

Top ULFA leader lays down arms, setback for Baruah

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Paresh Baruah faction of banned insurgent group United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) suffered a setback on Sunday when one of its top leaders, Arunodoi Dohutia, also known as Arunodoi Asom, surrendered before security forces.

Dohutia gave up arms along with his personal security officer Francis Asom near Pangsau Pass on the India-Myanmar border in Arunachal Pradesh. The two are likely to be brought to Guwahati.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma confirmed the surrender of the ULFA leader but dismissed the speculation that he (Dohutia) would be taken to New Delhi in connection with peace talks.

"What I know is that they are not going to Delhi. They will stay in Tinsukia and may come to Guwahati to meet the DGP. The Assam government has no plans to take them to Delhi," Sarma told the media.

He categorically said that any discussion with the ULFA would be held with Baruah, stating that there is no point talking to others. He further said that Baruah was unwilling to engage in talks in the manner the government wanted.



Top ULFA leader Arunodoi Dohutia (in grey jacket) surrenders before security forces

Dohutia, a self-styled "major general" who earlier served as the spokesperson of the ULFA, has been a trusted lieutenant of Baruah. His surrender is being seen as a major blow to the insurgent group. It has not yet reacted on the desertion.

The development came amid stepped-up operations by the security forces against militants in eastern Arunachal and Tinsukia district. The ULFA had attacked an Army camp in Tinsukia last month, injuring three personnel.

For the past two-three years, the Assam government has been actively working to bring ULFA to the talks table. However, Baruah has all along held his ground on the issue of Assam's sovereignty, insisting that this should be on the agen-

da of any peace negotiations with the outfit. Dohutia is among those named by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the killing of Assam Police officer Bhaskar Kalita.

In 2018, police and paramilitary forces had launched a joint operation based on intelligence inputs about the presence of ULFA militants at a village in Tinsukia district near the Arunachal border. During a resultant encounter, the militants opened indiscriminate fire, killing Kalita. They snatched his AK-47 service rifle before fleeing the spot.

The case was initially investigated by the police and later handed over to the NIA in 2019. Notably, the ULFA's Paresh Baruah faction operates out of the soil of Myanmar.

Full military honours at cremation for Tejas pilot

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WING Commander Namansh Syal, the Indian Air Force pilot who died in Tejas fighter jet crash during the Dubai Air Show, was cremated on Sunday in his native village, Patialkhad in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra district, with military honours.

His mortal remains were taken from the airport to Patialkhad, where the villagers, family members and officials gathered to pay their tributes. The atmosphere was filled with patriotic fervour as locals chanted "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jab tak suraj chand rahega, Nammu bhai ka naam rahega," referring to his nickname. In an emotional moment, Squadron Leader Afshan, dressed in her uniform, stood beside her husband's coffin and offered a tearful final salute, while his mother Veena Devi clung to the coffin. A cousin of Namansh lit the pyre.

Namansh's distraught father, Jagan Nath, an ex-serviceman



Veena Devi, mother of IAF Wg Cdr Namansh Syal; (R) IAF personnel carry his mortal remains in Kangra district | PTI

and former principal with the HP Education Department said, "The country has lost a remarkable pilot, I have lost my son. Now, I have to take care of the family. When I asked him about the air show he told me to watch it on YouTube."

Reflecting on his son's childhood, Nath said, "From LKG till he completed his education, I never raised my hands on

him. He always stood first in whichever completion he took part in. He had also won national talent scholar competition." When the tragedy struck, Namansh's parents were in Hyderabad to meet him.

His uncle Madan Lal said, "This is a great loss for the country. He was exceptionally honest and straightforward." Namansh Syal joined the IAF after passing



the NDA exam in 2009. He had studied at a primary school in Dalhousie, Army Public School in Yol cantonment, and Sainik School in Sujapur Tira.

His mortal remains were flown from Coimbatore to Kangra in a special air force aircraft accompanied by his wife, Wing Commander Afshan, their seven-year-old daughter, Arayana, and his parents.

No more flight delays this winter as Kolkata airport gets CAT III ready

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

FLIGHT delays on foggy winter days will soon become a thing of the past at Kolkata's Netaji Subhash Chandra International Airport, as one of its runways is set to be CAT-III compliant from November 27. This upgrade will ensure that flights can land and take off even during near-zero visibility conditions at the airport.

Airport director Vikram Singh told this newspaper, "We have installed a CAT-III facility on both sides of our primary runway. While the 01R end of the runway has been equipped for operations under very low visibility six years ago, the opposite end, 19L, has now been upgraded as well and will be declared CAT-III compliant from Thursday." The other runway is CAT-1 compliant.

Annually, 13 to 14 days from December to February have



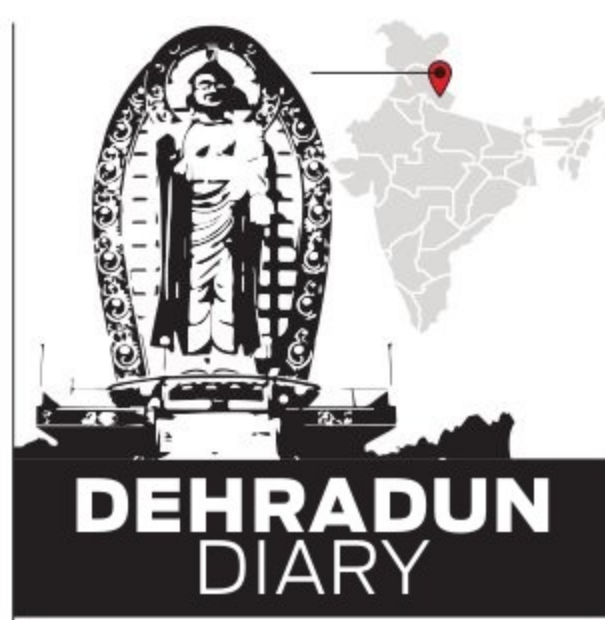
severe fog, causing flight delays, he said. "With both ends of the runway now in a position to manage flight operations in poor visibility conditions, we hope to see no delays this winter," he added. The pilots too need to be trained to operate in a CAT-III environment. "Most airlines have incorporated this training nowadays," the director added.

The airport witnesses an average of 370 air traffic move-

Landing with minimum visibility of 50 metres

CAT III is a navigation system that permits flights to land with even a minimum visibility of 50 m and even less. A crucial component in the system is an Instrument Landing System (ILS) installed at the runway, which provides accurate guidance to pilots during landing. The ILS provides both lateral and vertical guidance.

ments (arrivals and departures) daily, with nearly 70,000 passengers using the airport on a daily basis. While domestic flights from here connect most cities, it handles direct international flights to Singapore, Dubai, Thailand, Abu Dhabi and China. Due to the closure of airspace for Indian aircraft by Pakistan for the last seven months, Air India flights from San Francisco and Vancouver also stop here for refuelling.



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CM lauds Almora star Lakshya Sen's triumphs

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami personally called badminton sensation Lakshya Sen, hailing his victory at the Australian Open Super 500. Sen, a native of Almora, was lauded by the CM for bringing glory to both Uttarakhand and the nation. "Lakshya's hard work and dedication are an inspiration to our youth," Dhami stated. He emphasised that the win proves "every difficult goal can be achieved through discipline and hard work". CM Dhami wished the champion a bright future, anticipating continued global success for the "Devbhoomi" star. Lakshya, a 2021 World Championships bronze medallist, had last won a Super 300 title at the Syed Modi International in Lucknow in 2024.



Vlogger Sourav Joshi seeks security cover

Haldwani's prominent YouTuber and vlogger Sourav Joshi, known for his massive following of 3.75 crore subscribers, has formally requested police protection in the run-up to his wedding. Sources indicate that the police have already activated their intelligence network in anticipation of potential trouble. Surveillance is being set up around the wedding venue to monitor any suspicious activity. Joshi, who faced an alleged ₹5 crore extortion threat last September involving gangster Himanshu Bhatt, is set to marry Avantika Bhatt, a resident of Haldwani, soon. To avoid any untoward incident, family members recently met with police officials.

Noted Dehradun city qazi passes away at 74

Dehradun is mourning the sudden demise of its long-serving city qazi, Maulana Mohammad Ahmed Qasmi, who passed away on Saturday evening at 74. The veteran cleric, who served for 44 years since 1981, collapsed while attending a wedding in Najibabad. Despite being rushed to the hospital, doctors declared him dead on arrival. A massive crowd gathered for his funeral prayers in Dehradun on Sunday. "His passing is a huge loss for the entire community," remarked Congress leader Sunaykant Dhasmana. Qazi Qasmi had led his final Friday prayers in Dehradun just a day prior.

Decoding new definition of wage, its impact

According to new labour laws, wages include basic pay, dearness allowance and retaining allowance

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE new Labour Codes, which were notified recently, have for the first time introduced a single, universal definition of wages. The long-awaited clarification is likely to significantly impact salary structuring, social security contributions, and compliance obligations for both employers and employees.

Under the revised definition, wages include basic pay, dearness allowance, and retaining allowance—forming the core compensation payable in monetary terms for work performed. However, the code lists several components that will not be considered part of wages, including bonus (not part of employment terms), employer PF or pension contributions, HRA, conveyance allowance, overtime, commission,

gratuity, retrenchment compensation, and value of certain amenities like housing, water, light, or medical attendance.

50% cap

A key reform is the introduction of a 50% cap on excluded allowances. If allowances such as HRA, overtime, and commission together exceed 50% of an employee's total remuneration, the excess amount will automatically be added back to wages. This is likely to curb the long-standing practice of companies keeping the basic pay low and allocating a larger portion of salaries under allowances to cut statutory liabilities like PF contributions.

Pooja Ramchandani, Partner at Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, said the change would be far-reaching, especially for senior employ-



ees. "The key implication of the revised definition of wages will be in relation to the manner, in which the salaries of employees, especially higher-level employees, are structured. It is market practice to keep the basic pay of employees low, with a larger portion of the salary being categorised as other remuneration... With

the advent of the Code, one will need to ensure that allowances forming part of the exclusions do not exceed 50%," she said.

Boost to gender pay equity

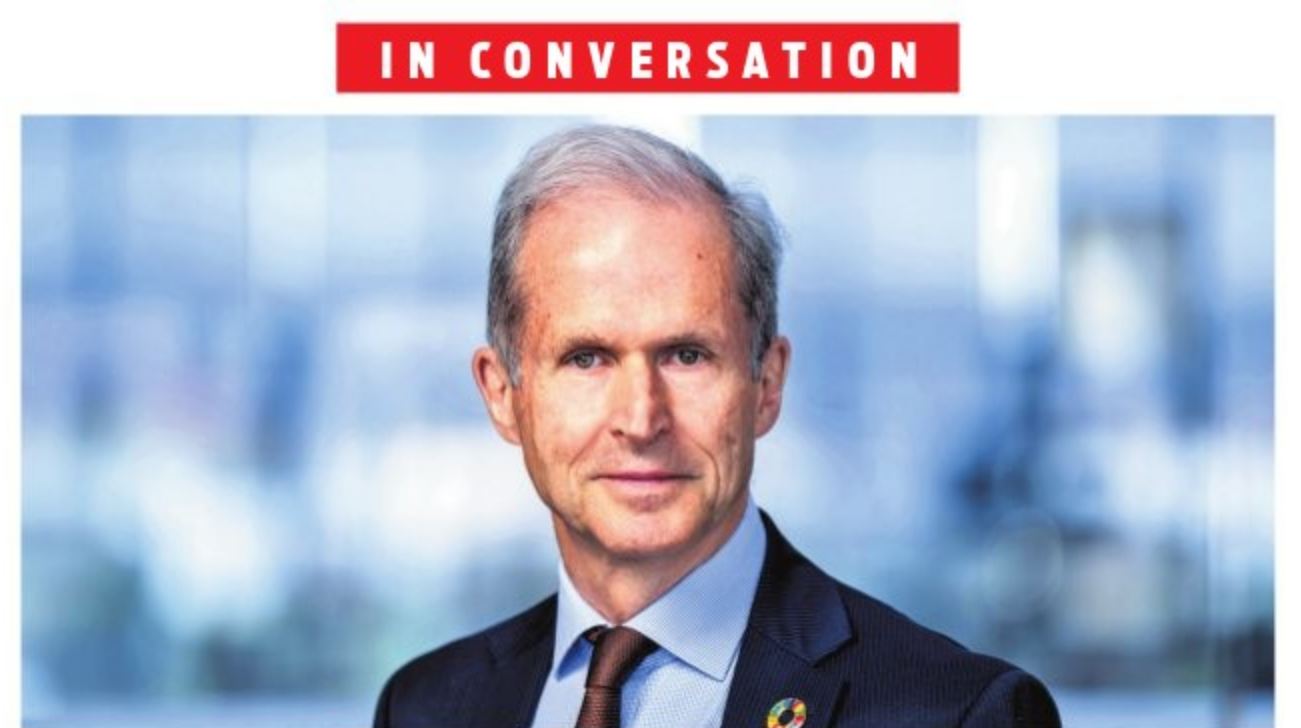
The code embeds a progressive provision to strengthen gender pay parity. For determining wages to all genders, allowances like HRA, conveyance allowance, overtime allowance, and remuneration arising from legal settlements must be counted as part of wages. This expands scope of what can be considered when assessing whether men, women, and transgender employees are being paid equally for equal work.

Uniformity across PF, gratuity, overtime and leave

Another major shift is that this

new wage definition will apply uniformly across all labour codes and associated regulations, increasing clarity and reducing compliance disputes for companies.

Sudhakar Sethuraman, Partner at Deloitte India, said the change would lead to higher social security benefits for workers. "Under the new labour codes, one of the most significant changes is the uniform definition across all regulations—be it for PF, leave salary, overtime, and gratuity." He pointed out that this would likely increase long-term benefits for employees. "This means the wage considered for various compliances is now uniform and will have increased financial impact vis-à-vis the old regulations."



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'Challenges remain in phasing out coal-based power infrastructure'

INDIA has consistently been the largest borrower from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) since its inception in 2016, including for several major green financing initiatives. In an interaction with Pushpita Dey, Erik Berglöff, chief economist of AIIB, discusses how India can accelerate its transition to a greener economy through policy reforms and international collaboration. Edited excerpts

Despite global push for green financing and sustainable infrastructure, emerging economies like India still face hurdles in mobilising green capital. What key steps should India take to accelerate its transition to a greener economy? What India has achieved in installing renewable energy at very low cost is remarkable, and it has been driven largely by the private sector, supported by effective government policies. But challenges remain—particularly in phasing out coal-based power infrastructure. Major investment is needed in transmission grids and demand-side improvements that give consumers better control over how much energy they use and what type of energy they consume.

Domestic resource mobilisation must be at the core of this transition—getting the banking system and private sector more deeply involved. But India has a huge opportunity to attract foreign investment. This is an area where I don't see enough action yet. Other emerging economies have created country platforms that coordinate and bring transparency to how foreign capital can contribute. For example, Egypt placed its entire renewable energy pipeline on its country platform, making it visible to multilateral development banks, national development banks, and private investors. As a result, it attracted new forms of green finance such as a performance-linked bond tied to policy commitments by the Egyptian government. Instruments like this could complement existing forms of green finance in India.

What are the key challenges emerging economies face in achieving sustainable financing and infrastructure, and how can they align their goals with AIIB's mission and vision? India is our largest client and the single biggest borrower. We recently approved a \$1.1 billion project in Maharashtra, focusing largely on off-grid solar and grid investments. We work across many Indian states, and engagement is strong, but somewhat uncoordinated. There are multiple approaches and not always mutually consistent targets. Creating a structure that brings together state-level activities would help significantly. We also have a new instrument—policy-based lending for climate—which could be very useful for India. It allows us to lend against policy actions that push the green agenda forward.

How do you assess the global momentum around green financing, especially in light of the recent slowdown in initiatives from major economies like the US? There are several new coalitions forming around climate action. Europe is trying to take a more assertive role, and Asia too has an opportunity to integrate economies around a shared mission of reducing climate vulnerability. While uncertainty around US policy persists—particularly in the medium to long term—there is still room for optimism. Uncertainty is never ideal, but it also creates space for other actors to step up.

In the context of green financing and infrastructure, which countries are more prone to debt vulnerabilities, and how can they address these risks? Debt levels rose sharply after COVID, leaving many countries vulnerable to interest rate fluctuations. This is a real concern. However, on the climate front, there is still substantial international capital looking for investment opportunities—provided countries have credible climate policies.

There is also significant potential for collaboration. Europe and Asia, and Europe and India specifically, have strong complementarities. Likewise, cooperation between China and Europe could be valuable.

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BE it cricket or investing, the lessons learnt on either field, are often similar. Just as a cricket team comprises good batsmen and good bowlers, their performances often pivot around the middle that comprises 'all rounders', who can both, bat and bowl. Investing in many ways is no different and Balanced Advantage Funds (BAFs) offered by mutual funds are the investment equivalents of all-rounders.

The underlying theme that emerges is that be it the cricket field or that of investments, it is necessary to blend caution with aggression and respond appropriately based on the situation. In the past, Balanced Funds (now renamed Aggressive Hybrid Equity Funds) gained in popularity and rewarded investors seeking the risk profile it offered, fairly well.

But the fact remained that with no upside equity holding restriction, some AMCs were running it literally like a pure equity fund, thus exposing investors to higher risk than they had signed up for. Sebi's classification of funds helped address this issue to an extent.

But, post the creation of this new category of hybrid funds almost a decade ago, Balanced Advantage Funds (BAFs), which are inherently open-ended dynamic asset allocation

funds, have also become popular. It seeks to use time-tested mechanisms using a hybrid investment model to capture equity upsides even while casting a safety net on the downside.

The corpus of a BAF is allocated dynamically between equity and debt securities, based on certain pre-determined market valuation and analysis tools. Some AMCs use the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio while others use the price-to-book (P/B) ratio as their base for determining the asset allocation mix. Then there are some that use a kind of hybrid model, incorporating both, boosted further by trend analysis.

For the sake of easier comprehension, let us assume that a BAF starts off by investing 33% in pure equity and 33% in arbitrage to keep gross equity investments at or above 65% while investing the rest in debt securities. Their long-term gains thus attract Equity taxation of 12.5% as against Debt taxation of the tax rate applicable to the total income of the investor.

However, like any other Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund, BAFs too have the flexibility to dynamically shift the corpus from equity to debt and vice-versa. The underlying theme though is to seek capital appreciation, while guarding against volatility.

To put matters in perspective, it is worth noting that the average fall in returns in the BAF category has usually been around half of that of the large, medium and small-cap categories of funds whenever the markets have slipped in recent times.

Mind you, this is what the data shows, but by no means is any guarantee of how similarly they will fare going ahead. It is thus worth looking at the historic asset allocation of a BAF and matching its suitability to one's investment objective before investing in it.

MONEY MATTERS

KNOWING BEHAVIOURAL BIASES IN MF INVESTING



FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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EVERY tenth rupee invested in the Indian equity markets belongs to a mutual fund investor. Cumulatively, the collective wealth of all mutual fund investors exceeds \$500 billion, or ₹43,00,000 crore. That may sound like some serious wealth for Indians. However, that money is concentrated in only 8% of the people of India. Households in the country cannot be wealthy if they do not save and invest regularly to beat inflation.

The monthly bulletin of the National Stock Exchange, called the Market Pulse, compiles interesting studies on behavioural biases that influence mutual fund investors. It should help you understand the initial hesitance to use mutual funds as an investment vehicle. There are three fundamental things to learn from the studies published over the past two or three decades. These include core biases and their impact, the impact of marketing and the role of knowledge. They were conducted primarily in developed markets like the US, but the findings are relevant to the Indian context.

Core biases

There is a tendency to sell funds yielding higher returns quickly by realising profits. It is called the 'disposition effect'. You tend to hang on to the underperforming mutual funds longer. That hurts your overall portfolio. Mutual funds have often complained about rapid churn in their portfolios, as the average holding period is less than 5 years. There is a significant wealth effect from compounding in equity investments after 10-15 years. The tendency to trade frequently and switch mutual fund

schemes undermines compounding. It has happened in America and other markets before, and it is happening with you in India, too.

Marketing

Another study found that the flow of mutual funds is barely performance based. It depends on how easy it is to find information to invest in. Aggressive marketing by mutual funds and industry associations, such as the Association of Mutual Funds in India, has created awareness of the processes. There are smartphone apps that enable investing without much effort. A lot of inflows are due to that convenience. Studies found that most people respond to recent performance and decide when mutual fund investing is mostly about long-term planning. It takes a lot of effort to find the relevant financial information. The study quoted in the NSE bulletin observes that people tend to rely on visibility and marketing as proxies for the quality of

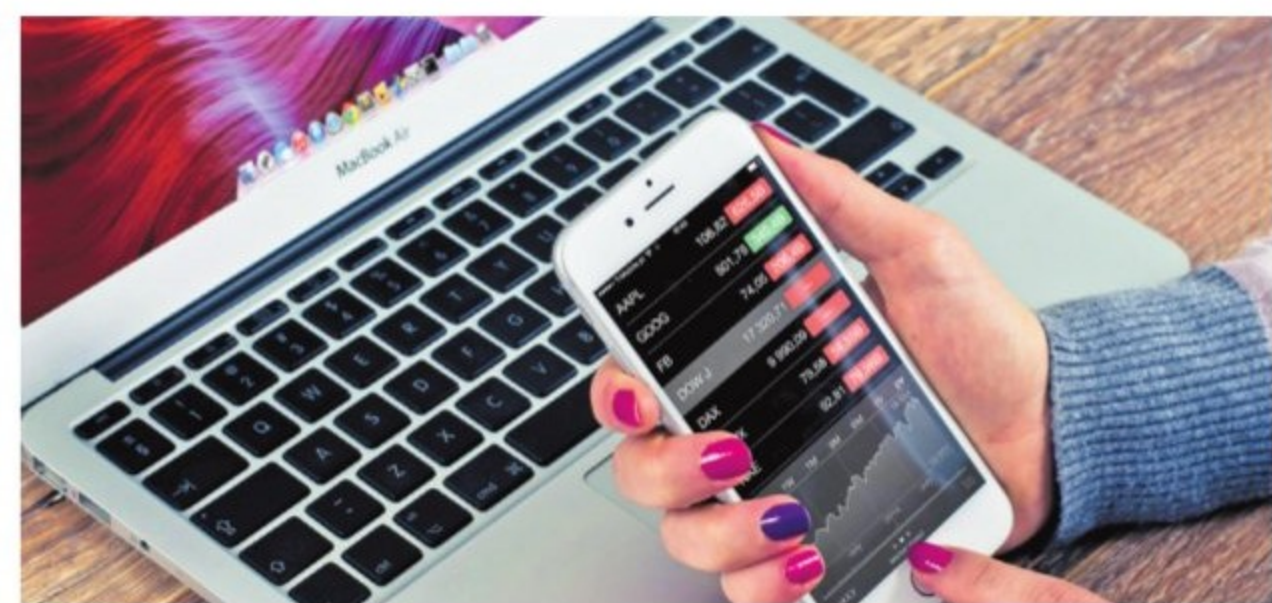


Experts say mkt momentum to persist

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

A pick-up in earnings, optimism around a potential US-India trade pact and a supportive macro backdrop have sparked an upswing in Indian equities since early October, pushing the headline indices back towards their late-September 2024 record highs. Market experts expect the momentum to persist, with some projecting that the BSE Sensex could scale the six-figure mark by the end of next year if the current tailwinds hold.

"Earnings growth outlook continues to remain healthy for H2FY26 and FY27 and hence we believe we can see Sensex in the band of 95,000-1,00,000 by December 2026," said Sunny Agrawal, head-fundamental research at SBI Securities. When asked if the Sensex can sprint to 90,000 mark by December 2025, Agrawal said such a sharp up



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move is subject to culmination of multiple win-win scenarios like (a) India-US trade deal on favourable terms, (b) cut in repo rates by RBI (c) US Fed changing its stance from hawkish to dovish and (d) no negative news flow on the geo-political front.

The Sensex has advanced from 80,000 in early October to over 85,000 in less than two months while Nifty50 has rallied from 24,600 to above 26,000 during the period. The current rally, as per Agrawal, is driven by BFSI sector on the back of

(a) likely stable NIMs during 3QFY26 (b) robust asset quality, (c) strong interest from foreign players in domestic banking industry, (d) likely buzz of consolidation in public sector banks coupled with rise in FPI limits, (e) healthy credit growth outlook for next 2 years and (f) reasonable valuations.

Vagharjaved Khan, analyst at Angel One, believes Sensex can cross 93,000 by the end of FY26 as earnings per share (EPS) growth will be in double digits but on the lower end. "Good earnings seasons for heavyweights have been one of the factors behind recent rally for the market index. Meanwhile, domestic flows through DIIs continue to remain strong along with stable macros for India. With earnings recovery poised for H2 FY26 Sensex can scale newer highs," added Khan.

US court upholds \$194 mn award against TCS in trade secrets lawsuit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a setback to Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS), the company informed the exchanges that it has been handed an adverse ruling by a US appeals court, which has upheld a nearly \$194 million damages award against the Indian IT giant in a long-running trade secrets lawsuit.

The case, filed by Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), now part of DXC Technology Company, alleged that TCS misappropriated its trade secrets.

The latest development came on the evening of November 21, 2025 (US time), when the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit confirmed the decision on damages issued by a lower district court. However, the appellate court provided a



Partial relief for TCS

The American appellate court, however, provided a partial relief to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) by vacating an associated injunction and sending that part of the case back to the lower court for reassessment

partial relief to TCS by vacating an associated injunction and sending that part of the case back to the lower court for

reassessment.

This ruling follows an initial adverse judgment that TCS disclosed to Indian stock exchanges in June 2024. At that time, the company revealed that the US District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, had found it liable for misappropriation of trade secrets under the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016.

The District Court's order had held TCS liable for \$56.15million in compensatory damages; \$112.30 million in exemplary (punitive) damages; and \$25.77 million in pre-judgment interest (as of June 13, 2024). This brought the total financial penalty to approximately \$194 million. The lower court had also passed certain injunctions against TCS, the details of which were not fully disclosed.

Only third team to face in excess of 900 balls in 1st innings of a Test in India since Jan 2020, South Africa post 489

A LEG DAY TO FORGET

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BY the time Marco Jansen played on to end a violent 91-ball 93, he had broken at least three bats. But he had also broken a fair few Indian spirits — the ones on the field and the ones in the stands — during his time in the middle. When he walked out to bat, India still had a small window of opportunity to curtail the visitors from running up a really big score. Kyle Verreynne had just been dismissed post lunch. There was nothing happening off the wicket but the spinners and the pacers had managed to show supreme control and discipline to limit run-scoring to singles and twos. It was, perhaps, a touch defensive but this was the opening they were after:

Alas, Jansen didn't get the memo. He went after everything red, round and within his swinging arc. In all, he hit six fours and seven sixes, four of those big hits coming off Ravindra Jadeja, who's usually very accurate. He has a very uncomplicated hitting style, clearing that front leg and using his levers to target the area from deep mid-wicket to long on. All seven of his maximums came in this region.

During the course of his range-hitting, the Indian fielders and bowlers went through a range of emotions. Ugh. Ouch. Damn. Oh well. Meh. Shrug. When Jansen was finally out, it had reached the point of acceptance. KL Rahul and Yashasvi Jaiswal sprinted off the playing area for they had to get ready. The others? They were dragging themselves off the field after an experience not a lot of them have faced. In fact, since the start of 2020, this is only the third instance of a visiting team batting for over 800 deliveries in the first innings of a Test in India.

This is what leg day must feel like. Countless squats, numerous lunges and enough lactic

acid in the legs to fill a small tank... name a muscle in the lower body and the fielders and pacers will have used it multiple times on Sunday. One of the things gym trainers tell their clients is never to skip leg day because of the benefits it has to overall metabolism. India would happily go back to the hotel and scrub out this day from their existence if they were given a choice. When the day began, the hosts had some designs on using a still new ball to pick up some early wickets. Those designs were thwarted in a two-hour passage of play where nothing really happened as the visiting batters ground down the bowlers. If the two-day Ashes Test was played on fast forward, this session, it seemed, was played on 0.70 speed. Like streaming a video on 2g.

But the visitors, leading the series 1-0, knew they had to take as much time as possible from the day to give themselves the best chance of not losing the Test. That's exactly what they did. There were no risks being taken and no aerial shots as both Verreynne and Muthusamy focused on grinding (69 runs and five fours an illustration). It set the stage for Jansen's assault on a largely unsuspecting Indian fielding unit. Rishabh Pant, in his first Test as captain, had been chirping non-stop for more than first 110 overs. He, too, was decidedly less chirpy over the last hour of the South African innings. "Everyone knows this is a very good batting wicket," Kuldeep Yadav said in the post-day press conference. "I was just trying to use angles and beat them in the drift."

Track a road: Kuldeep

Because of the first day's moisture, Yadav got a few balls to turn on Day 1. There was no sort of help off the wicket and with batters able to hit through the line and trust the bounce, they had to battle. It's why he ended up calling this strip a 'road'.



Team	Venue	Year	Balls faced	Result
England	Chennai	2021	1161	Won
Australia	Ahmedabad	2023	1006	Draw
*South Africa	Guwahati	2025	911	TBD

*Ongoing ● TBD - To be decided

India players have a chat on Day 2 of the second Test in Guwahati on Sunday | PTI

Once forgotten South Africa's man, Muthusamy keeps growing in stature

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IT'S funny how these things work out in the end, eh?

In 2019, after Senuran Muthusamy made his Test debut in India, he was in danger of slipping through the cracks. An underwhelming return of two wickets at 90 apiece and 98 runs across two Tests — to be fair, it was a forgettable series for a lot of his colleagues as well — meant the spinning all-rounder wasn't picked again.

From the end of 2019 to September 2025, he had featured in three more games. This is of course not a surprise. Life as a South African spinner is hard work, especially when you know Keshav Maharaj is the undisputed No. 1 and there's generally no place for a No. 2.

This pattern finally changed when Muthusamy, who has over 275 wickets in first-class cricket at an average of 28, was picked for the away tour to Pakistan last month. With Maharaj still recovering, the spinning all-rounder excelled with bat and ball to win the Player of the Series.

Sunday, though, was the apogee of his still nascent Test career, at least from a batting perspective. In his eighth Test, Muthusamy, back in the land of his ancestors (originally from Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu), displayed different facets of his



Senuran Muthusamy scored his maiden Test century vs India on Sunday | PTI

It was a really special moment in front of the full house. I am glad I could contribute for the team. It was just to build partnerships, and to try and extend the innings.

— Senuran Muthusamy

batting to notch his first Test 100. It was an innings filled with patience but one with a proper strategy. With India opting for defensive fields on Day Two, the left-hander knew all he had to do was milk the spinners on a still unresponsive surface. So he focused on dabbing the ball into the vacant spaces behind and in

front of square either side of the wicket. In all, most of his 43 singles came in these two directions.

In fact, till deep into the innings, he had scored no runs in the V either side of the stumps down the ground. It's reflective of where the bowlers bowled to him — out of the 66 runs he scored on the leg-side, only nine came in the long-on region — but it was an innings the visitors needed at that point in time of the game when the Test was very much in the balance. Across three sessions and two days sandwiched by the second new ball, he not only added runs but also took time from the game. Now, on a wearing pitch, Muthusamy the bowler will look to complement the likes of Maharaj and Simon Harmer over the next few days.

Muthusamy, who did wonder if Test cricket had passed him by post that India series in 2019, is one of the many characters skipper Temba Bavuma alluded to. The 31-year-old doesn't complain, puts work ethic ahead of everything else and focuses on being the best version of himself.

Over the next three days, he has the chance to etch himself in their folklore. It's funny how these things may work out, eh?

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Rahul to lead India in SA ODIs

GOMESH S @Chennai

WITH both the designated captain and vice-captain out of action due to injury, KL Rahul has once again been entrusted with the responsibility to lead India in the upcoming ODI series against South Africa. Rahul will captain in the absence of Gill who is out with a neck injury. The vice-captain from the Australia tour, Shreyas Iyer, is still recovering from the spleen injury he suffered Down Under.

While Yashasvi Jaiswal is expected to come in for Gill and open with Rohit Sharma, the No 4 slot could be a toss up between Tilak Varma and Rishabh Pant, both of them back in the ODI set up after a while. Varma has played only four ODIs while Pant's last 50-over game for India came in August 2024. Ruturaj Gaikwad too has earned a call-up after the consistent show against South Africa A in the recent A-series at home, but he may have wait for his chance.

As far as the bowling attack is concerned, India have rested Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj for the series. Bumrah, however, is expected to play the T20Is that follow. Similarly, Hardik Pandya too has not been named but he is likely to turn up for Baroda in the first few rounds of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and may come back for the shortest format. From the larger viewpoint, the focus will once again remain on Rohit and Virat Kohli and how they go about their business. While chief selector Ajit Agarkar and team management have reiterated that every series is not a trial for them, the two senior batters know one bad series will lead to questions about their future. They set that aside with consistent performance Down Under even though India lost the series, and will be keen to get going at home and make a statement.

For Rahul, who has been India's go-to man when in trouble, it is yet another opportunity for him to do his bit as he always has done in the past. The last time he captained was in an ODI series against South Africa away from home shortly after the World Cup in 2023 and led them to a 2-1 win. These three matches are a chance for him to make a mark as a captain on the field, especially considering the fact that he is India's first-choice keeper and No 5 in the format.

India's ODI squad

Rohit, Jaiswal, Kohli, Tilak, Rahul (C) (wk), Pant (wk), Washington, Jadeja, Kuldeep, Nitish, Harshit, Ruturaj, Prasidh, Arshdeep, Jurel

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Max wins in Vegas, McLarens disqualified

LAS VEGAS: Formula One world champion Max Verstappen produced a masterful drive to win the Las Vegas Grand Prix on Sunday and his title hopes were boosted further with the McLarens of championship leader Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri both being disqualified. Norris finished the race in second with Piastri fourth.

Khelo India University Games from today

JAIPUR: As many as 5,000 athletes, including the likes of Olympian swimmer Srihari Nataraj and renowned archer Bhajan Kaur, will compete in the fifth edition of Khelo India University Games, scheduled to commence in Rajasthan on Monday. Athletes from more than 230 universities will compete in 24 disciplines in the annual event.

EB out of AFC Women's Champions League

WUHAN (CHINA): East Bengal were on Sunday eliminated from the AFC Women's Champions League group stage after suffering a 0-3 thrashing at the hands of PFC Nasaf of Uzbekistan. East Bengal ended their debut campaign with three points, which will not be enough for them to advance as one of the two best third-placed teams.

Indian women win blind T20 cricket World Cup

COLOMBO: India won the inaugural T20 blind women's world cup after beating Nepal by 7 wickets in the final played at the P Sara Oval in Colombo. India first restricted Nepal to 114/5 & then coasted to 117/3 in 12 overs to win the title. Such was India's domination that their rivals managed just a single boundary in their innings.

India beat Korea in Azlan Shah Cup opener

IPOH (MALAYSIA): A solitary strike from Mohammed Raheel in the opening quarter saw a second-string Indian side defeat three-time champions South Korea 1-0 in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament opener here on Sunday. India, competing in the prestigious tournament after a gap of six years, scored the goal in the 15th minute.

Jr women's hockey coach gets clean chit

NEW DELHI: Hockey India said its internal inquiry into allegations of sexual misconduct against a coach of the junior women's team found no evidence and they have cleared him to travel with the squad for the World Cup in Santiago, Chile. HI said it had conducted an inquiry after certain media reports flagged the alleged misconduct.

Lakshya ends title drought in Sydney

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

AT long last, Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen ended up on the winning side as he captured the Australian Open, his first title of the season.

In what was his 20th attempt this year, Lakshya's perseverance finally paid off as he pocketed the BWF World Tour Super 500 meet in Sydney by getting the better of Yushi Takana of Japan, his opponent in the summit clash, on Sunday. The 24-year-old, who had saved three match points during his gritty victory over Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei just a day ago, beat Tanaka 21-15, 21-11 in 38 minutes. For large parts of the season, Lakshya, who also had



Lakshya Sen captured his first title of the season on Sunday | BADMINTON PHOTO

faced injury issues, had struggled to meet the standards at the highest level with as many as 11 first-round exits. But starting with the Hylo Open in October, where he reached the quarterfinals, he had shown signs of promise. In the Japan

Masters, the most-recent assignment before the Australian Open, he had reached the semi-final stage.

Having finally regained his winning touch, Lakshya was naturally filled with satisfaction. "I have seen a lot of ups and downs this season, with a few injuries at the start of the season but I kept my hardwork going throughout the season and I am very happy to end the season on a good note. I'm very excited, looking forward to the next season now and I am really happy with the way I played today (Sunday) and this week," he said after the final. The 2021 World Championships bronze medalist was facing Tanaka, World No 26, for the first time.

Chess WC: Sindarov and Wei Yi seal Candidates spots

AGENCIES @Panaji

UZBEKISTAN'S GM Javokhir Sindarov and GM Wei Yi of China will be facing off in the finals of the FIDE World Cup 2025 after they won their respective semifinals via the tie-break and also confirmed their Candidates Spots on Sunday. Both the classical games in the two semifinals had ended in a draw and this meant that the rapid skills of all the players were to be tested in the tie-break. Sindarov put himself in the driver's seat to advance when he defeated Nodirbek Yakubboev in the first rapid game with black pieces.



Wei Yi (L) and Javokhir Sindarov reached the final | MICHAL WALUSZA/FIDE

In the second semi-final, Wei drew the first game with black pieces and then defeated GM Andrey Esipenko in 57 moves with white pieces.

Results: J Sindarov (UZB) bt N Yakubboev (UZB) (2.5:1.5 agg) Wei Yi (China) bt Andrey Esipenko (FIDE) (2.5:1.5 agg).

Eze scores hat-trick as Arsenal beat Tottenham

AGENCIES @London

SUMMER signing Eberechi Eze scored a hat-trick as Arsenal posted a statement win (4-1) over Tottenham in the Premier League on Sunday.

Leandro Trossard had scored the opener before Eze stepped up to help the Gunners open up a six-point lead over second-placed Chelsea. Arsenal have 29 points while Chelsea have 23. Title rivals Man City, who lost 1-2 against Newcastle on Saturday, are third with 22 points.

Earlier, Morgan Rogers produced two excellent finishes to

inspire an Aston Villa comeback to beat Leeds United 2-1 at Elland Road and move into the top four. Rogers has often been preferred this season by England manager Thomas Tuchel over Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham, but had struck just once this season prior to his second-half double.

After failing to win any of their first five games of the season, Villa have now won six of their last seven in the Premier League to climb into the Champions League places. Defeat leaves Leeds United inside the relegation zone.

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

FORMER ace India goalkeeper and current coach of the junior national hockey team, PR Sreejesh, is confident of a good show by India in the upcoming 2025 Men's FIH Hockey Junior World Cup which is scheduled to be held at Chennai and Madurai from November 28 to December 10.

The Indian team has been preparing in earnest at Chennai and have been featuring in practice games against other participating nations in order to figure out their best combination. On Sunday, India had a practice tie against Argentina

at Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium. The former India captain is hopeful of a strong performance but insisted that the hosts will approach the event one game at a time.

"We are confident of a good show in the tournament. Having said that, each and every team in this tournament is good. One cannot take any team lightly," said Sreejesh.

The World Cup will be Sreejesh's first major assignment and he's determined to leave a strong impression. The expectations are bound to be high as he is also a familiar face in this part of the country, having played for IOB in the

HOCKEY JR WORLD CUP

'Confident of good show': Sreejesh set for biggest test as coach



PR Sreejesh | FILE

Chennai Hockey League.

"Actually, well, first assignment, it's exciting. But definitely, it's for the country. And these players, this is a great opportunity for them to perform. So, my contribution is to train

them, tell them what is exactly happening, how the pressure is going to be and how they need to prepare for this. And personally, I'm taking the baby step," he said. "It's only one year for me in coaching. So, getting an opportunity in a big platform is a great thing. And I hope I can use my experience and try to get some good results from this tournament," he added.

The weather has been unpredictable in the last week or so and may continue to be the same as the tournament starts. But Sreejesh wants his boys to be prepared for anything.

"I think it's an advantage in good weather. I didn't expect it's

going to rain in the next few weeks. Certain things are not in your hands. So, the rain, the heat, the humidity, you can't predict it. Whatever be the weather you need to plan accordingly. We need to focus on things in our control like how do you want to do it (play), how do you want to change the substitution or how long you can play a player. So, some things which are not in your hand, just ignore it," he noted. Sreejesh was pleased with the build-up and spoke about the importance of practice games. "These three practice matches are there to help us in our plans."

Full story: newindianexpress.com



Initiatives, Ventures & Collaborations

- Collaboration with the Central Secretariat Services (CSS) to offer training programmes to CSS officers, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and analytical tools required to understand and address the complexities of public policy.
- Partnership with IIT Kanpur to offer a course in healthcare management.
- Collaboration with Goldman Sachs under the GS10KW campaign to train and nurture 400 women entrepreneurs across India.
- Partnership with NASSCOM to support upskilling and reskilling of professionals in emerging technologies.
- Collaboration with cricketer, icon Bhuvneshwar Kumar through LegaXy to launch a first-of-its-kind sportstech, esports, and gaming accelerator in India.
- Establishment of a dedicated Mind Lab to conduct study and research on human wellbeing and happiness under the aegis of the Rekhi Centre of Happiness.
- MoU with the UP Centre for Good Governance to establish a framework for institutional cooperation, promoting research collaborations and academic exchange.
- Partnership with three international institutions – EM Normandie Business School, Aix-Marseille University,

and SKEMA Business School in France – to promote student exchange.

- Launch of a fellowship grant for PhD scholars initiated by the alumni batch of 1999.
- Collaboration with FPSB India to offer a certification programme in financial planning.
- Setting up of a Centre of Excellence in Blockchain Technology, recognised by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and supported by a consortium featuring Microsoft as the core technology partner, along with DLT Labs, Sire Chain, and STPI Gurugram.
- Signing of 12 strategic MoUs by IIM Lucknow's Enterprise Incubation Centre with institutes, PSUs, and statutory bodies, including EXIM Bank, ASSOCHAM, and Oil India Limited, to collectively enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- MoU between the EIC and the Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management, Delhi, to assist in setting up a Technology Business Incubator under the Institutional Capacity Development initiative of IIM Lucknow.
- Introduction of the Radhakrishnan Gopalan Young Faculty Researcher Award, which provides a grant of INR 6 lakh over three years and a one-time cash award of INR 1 lakh.

PLACEMENT TRENDS & CHALLENGES

583
(PGP and PGP ABM)
BATCH SIZE

200+
NUMBER OF
RECRUITERS

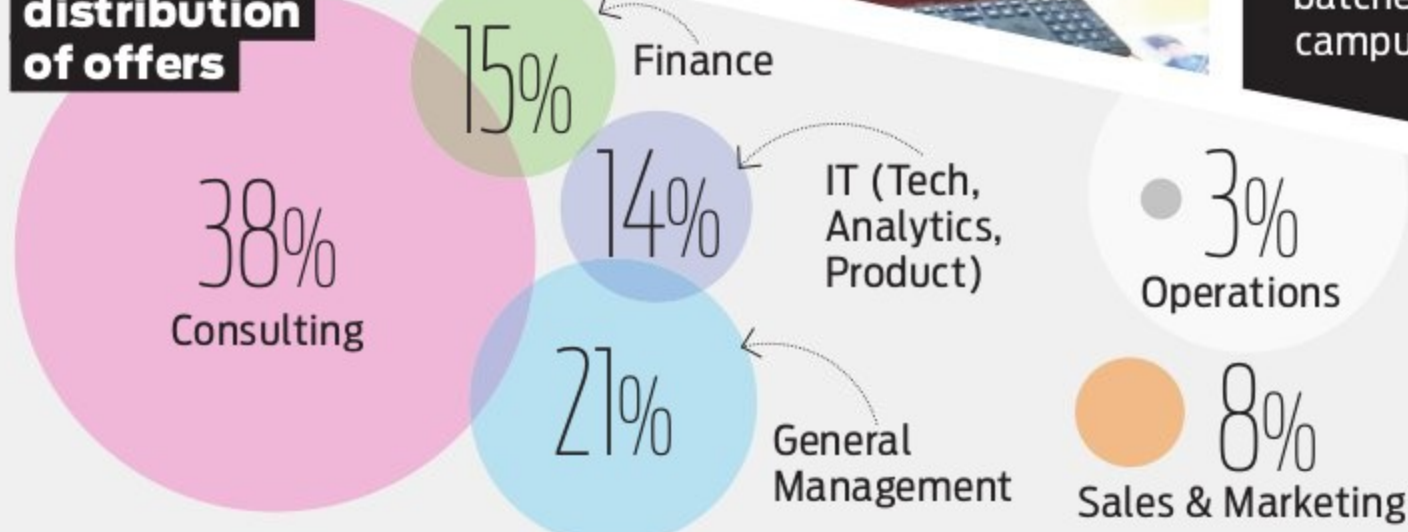
New recruiters this year

Ather Energy, Crackle Technologies, GMR Group, HPCL, Javis, Jefferies, Karan Group, Lava, Mankind Pharma, Marsh McLennan, Maruti Suzuki, Mindsprint, NAFED, OMC Power, PhonePe, Purple, TESCO, TVS Supply Chain Solutions, UKG, Varroc, and Walmart.

₹75 LPA
Highest package
₹32.3 LPA
Average package
₹31 LPA
Median package

prep time

Sector-wise distribution of offers



3 Cultural events remain a strong part of campus life. Students mark festivals from different regions, including Onam, Dandiya nights, Holi, and Christmas, creating an atmosphere that reflects the campus's diversity. The annual alumni gathering, Nostalgia, brings former students back to interact with current batches and revisit campus traditions.

● Key top recruiters: Accenture, Bain, PwC, Deloitte, American Express, BCG, EY, McKinsey and Company, Zomato, Kotak, Godrej, P&G.

● Notable roles or domains that saw growth: Consulting and IT.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Mr Shailesh Jejurikar, COO, Procter and Gamble, Batch of 1989

Mr Nipun Kalra, Managing Director, Boston Consulting Group, Batch of 2007

Mr Nitin Seth, Co-founder and CEO, Incedo, Batch of 1996

Mr Sai Ramana Ponugoti, CEO, Piramal Consumer Healthcare (ICH), Batch of 2001

WHAT'S FUN ON CAMPUS?

Best dish in the canteen: Fried idli at C3!

Most popular informal traditions: Parichay, placement bash, midnight birthday celebrations, prom night

Lingo typical to IIM Lucknow: "Globe" – over-elaboration of simple things; "Lite lo" – take it easy

Best time to be on campus: Manfest – Varchasva (MV), Sangharsh (Jan–Feb)

Best student hangout spots on campus: H15–H16 connector, outside Executive Hostel, MV Circle

Most Instagram-worthy spot on campus: Convocation Ground

Most competitive clubs or societies: Media & Communication Cell (MCC), Disha, Consulting Club

IIM LUCKNOW WILL CONTRIBUTE TO NATION-BUILDING BY MENTORING ENTREPRENEURS WHO CAN CREATE SCALABLE AND SOCIALLY IMPACTFUL SOLUTIONS

A conversation with Director MP Gupta on the institute's evolving programmes, partnerships, and vision for 2050

● What are the unique strengths or focus areas that set IIM Lucknow apart from other IIMs? IIM Lucknow offers diversified programmes, including blended MBA options, executive PhD pathways and AI-focused executive programmes, and it maintains strong engagement with government, industry and policy makers. It also has several Centres of Excellence dedicated to areas such as well-being and happiness, blockchain technology, agri-business management, business sustainability and marketing in emerging economies, along with an active Enterprise Incubation Centre that supports start-ups and innovation.

● What is the institute doing to strengthen industry partnerships and improve student employability? The institute regularly hosts Leadership Talk Series, bringing distinguished industry leaders to campus to share insights on emerging trends, challenges, and real-world business scenarios. This exposure helps students bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry expectations. IIM Lucknow also leverages its strong alumni network through mentorship sessions, career guidance interactions, industry panels, and networking events. To build global competencies, the institute offers international student exchange programs with partner universities, allowing students to experience cross-cultural business environments. Industrial visits remain an integral part of experiential learning, enabling students to observe operational dynamics and interact with practitioners. Through these initiatives, the institute continually strengthens industry partnerships and student readiness.

● How is your institute supporting the holistic development of students



IIM Lucknow's Noida campus in the NCR region | EXPRESS

beyond academics?

At IIM Lucknow, holistic student development is a core priority, and the institute has created a vibrant ecosystem that extends beyond classroom learning. A wide range of student-driven clubs and committees provides platforms for leadership, creativity, and peer learning across domains including finance, marketing, operations, culture, public policy, entrepreneurship, and media. To nurture entrepreneurial thinking, the institute offers a hands-on opportunity where the PGP first-year cohort manages three retail shops on campus. IIM Lucknow also hosts large-scale management festivals like Manfest Varchasva, Camaraderie, Sangharsh, Sangram, and Nostalgia. Sports events and wellness programs are held throughout the year. Social responsibility is taken care of by Team Bhavishya, which organises events such as blood donation camps, immunisation programs for sanitation workers, and distribution of cycles to their children.

● How are your social impact and rural engagement programmes evolving to stay relevant to present-day community needs?

IIM Lucknow's social impact and rural engagement initiatives have evolved from traditional outreach to a more structured,

policy-linked, and community-relevant model. The student body now drives year-round engagement through platforms like Bhavishya, which supports adult literacy, school development, and healthcare initiatives in neighbouring villages. This shift from one-time activities to continuous partnerships ensures measurable outcomes for local communities. At the institutional level, centres such as the Centre for Public Policy, Centre for Food and Agribusiness Management, and Centre for Business Sustainability integrate rural development and social equity into research, case writing, and training programmes. Programmes like the MBA in Agribusiness Management and the MBA in Sustainable Management expose students to rural challenges, while the IIML-EIC encourages social entrepreneurship.

● How would you describe the role of the Noida campus within IIM Lucknow's overall academic and industry engagement footprint?

Located in the heart of the NCR business hub, the campus serves as a dedicated centre for executive education, industry collaboration, and corporate interface. The campus hosts a portfolio of Executive Programmes, including long-duration management programmes such as the MBA

in Sustainable Management, the MBA for Working Executives, and a one-year MBA with an international focus, along with short-term specialised courses for mid-career and senior professionals. These offerings allow participants to upgrade their skills without disrupting their professional commitments. The Noida campus also facilitates industry interactions through leadership talks, panel discussions, conclaves, and collaborative workshops with corporate partners. Its proximity to major industries, consulting firms, start-ups, public-sector organisations, and policy institutions enables continuous engagement and real-time learning.

● Where do you see India in 2050, and what role do you see your institute playing towards the same vision?

By 2050, India is poised to be one of the world's leading economic and innovation hubs, driven by a youthful population, technological advancement, and a focus on sustainability and inclusive growth. I envision India emerging as a knowledge-driven economy where entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and social equity move together. In this journey, IIM Lucknow will play a significant role by nurturing responsible leaders, fostering cutting-edge research, and driving policy-relevant insights. The institute will continue to contribute to nation-building by advancing management thinking, supporting evidence-based public policy, and mentoring entrepreneurs who can create scalable and socially impactful solutions. By equipping future leaders with the right skills, values, and global perspectives, we aim to contribute to India's aspirations for a Viksit Bharat.

IIM Lucknow's social impact and rural engagement initiatives have evolved from traditional outreach to a more structured, policy-linked, and community-relevant model.

MP Gupta, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow



STUDENT VOICES

Students share what they love most about studying at IIM Lucknow

ABHISHEK HARSH, PGPSM STUDENT

"At IIM Lucknow, late-night strategy debates and rigorous case discussions push us to think sharper and deeper. The campus's calm, green environment balances this intensity, giving us space to reflect, recharge, and perform at our best."



YASHI SRIVASTAVA, PHD STUDENT

"Life at IIM Lucknow often feels like stepping into a small utopia. Beyond classroom learning and the rigour of management education, the campus teaches you the art of living. The pedagogy is immersive and practice-oriented; case discussions, group projects, and continuous learning push you to think critically and work collaboratively."



SANDIP MURMU, PGP STUDENT

"IIM Lucknow's red-brick campus and the way peers genuinely support you have shaped my experience in the most meaningful way. Winter afternoons on the convocation ground, brief pauses between demanding classes, often remind me how far this journey has brought me. The diversity on campus, the constant hustle, and the drive of people around me push me forward every single day. IIM Lucknow is helping me grow into a version of myself I once only hoped for."



SAKSHI BANSAL, PGP STUDENT

"I loved the campus from the moment I entered IIM Lucknow. The academic block features state-of-the-art classrooms and resource-rich libraries. There is always something happening here, whether it's inter-section cultural events or sports competitions, which keeps students actively engaged and energised."





DAY'S DIARY

Survival of Fittest

Charles Darwin published a groundbreaking scientific work, a book titled *On the Origin of Species*, on this day in 1859

INFLUENCE

Visiting diverse places like the Galapagos Islands and New Zealand, Darwin acquired an intimate knowledge of the flora, fauna, and geology of many lands

THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES



EVIDENCE IN THE BOOK

The evidence supplied in the book provides much of the basis for the Theory of Evolution and the fundamental idea of survival of the fittest



AFTER-EFFECTS

The book led to the birth of a larger movement, Darwinism, which would continue to investigate and draw on his ideas

CE's guide to happenings in the city

PG 2

As the India Inclusion Summit 2025 concluded in b'luru, Malvika Iyer, noted disability rights activist and bilateral amputee who survived a grenade blast as a child, reflects on the urgency of inclusion across sectors



I've lived with PTSD and anxiety since 2018. People only see my missing hands, but the story goes deeper. We must talk about the invisible struggles, too

Malvika Iyer, social worker-disability rights activist

To the Sky and Beyond

ANJALI RAM

LOSING is not failing. Giving up is failing," said well-known social worker and disability rights activist, **Malvika Iyer**, as she wrapped up hosting this year's India Inclusion Summit (IIS) in Bengaluru. It is a philosophy that has guided her from surviving a grenade blast at age 13 to becoming one of India's most recognisable voices for inclusion.

She recalls her first stint hosting IIS in 2013, just months after she delivered her first public talk in Chennai, where, for the first time, she openly addressed her disability, her trauma and the years she spent trying to blend into a world that demanded 'normalcy'. "It was after the first time I spoke openly about my disability, my struggles, the years I spent hiding my hands, I just wanted to be part of the conversation," she shares.

This year, her opening segment earned her a standing ovation that lasted nearly five minutes, a moment she describes as 'humbling and overwhelming'. But applause aside, Iyer hopes the audience walked away with a shared sense of responsibility. "Inclusion cannot be carried by a single person or sector. Caregivers, policymakers, educators, activists, journalists – everyone has a role to play," says Iyer.

The systemic change she wants to see most urgently is nothing but accessibility in a broader sense. Whether in technology, public transport or built environments, accessibility determines whether a person with disability can participate fully in life. For her, a crucial moment was travelling by metro in Delhi for the first time. She says, "For most people, that's routine, but for me, it was exhilarating freedom. For me, the power of access – to public spaces and technology changed my entire life."

Her PhD research on the stigma surrounding disability revealed something she had long known intuitively: societal attitudes often disable a person more than their physical condition. "My missing hands never made me feel helpless. People's pity did," she states. Beyond disability rights, Iyer's advocacy spans accessible fashion, mental health and equality in all means. "I've lived with PTSD

Embracing Disability

"The genesis of the India Inclusion Summit came from a simple thought: mindsets must change. When I first asked how I could contribute, Dr Arun Chowdhury told me that disability shouldn't be treated as taboo or approached with sympathy. It should be celebrated. That pushed me to imagine a world-class platform – not a 'disability event' but a conference that inspires," shares VR Ferose founder and chairman, IIS, adding, "IIS leads with storytelling, not sermons. People come not because they have a disability, but because they leave feeling more human."

and anxiety since 2018. People only see my missing hands, but the story goes deeper. We must talk about the invisible struggles, too," she points out. Meanwhile, positive representation in media, she adds, has been crucial in changing this narrative in society – both for her and for young people who now grow up seeing disability beyond a lens of tragedy.

As the summit wrapped up, she reflected on how India is changing when it comes to being inclusive. "The word 'disability' is no longer whispered. It's becoming normal – as it should," she says. And that shift marks the quiet revolution many like her have spent working towards.



TAKING A TEXTILE TURN

Models donning textile artists Neeru Kumar and Sakshi Kumar's creations walk at a fashion show curated by fashion stylist Prasad Bidapa | KEVIN NASHON



IS VENUE VERITABLY NEW?

PG 3

Held over the weekend, Feather Fest celebrated the beauty and diversity of birds with activities and events like storytelling sessions, seminars, an interactive birdsong exhibit and more



A still from the documentary *Every Little Thing* (2024)

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

MAYBE it's memories of sparrows pecking away at scattered grains, maybe you've gone searching for a kingfisher armed with binoculars, or perhaps you've just closed your eyes and imagined the sway of Poe's looming ravens. Birds have long fascinated us as we've formed relationships with and created art about them throughout history. Feather Fest, held over the weekend at Bangalore International Centre, sought to celebrate this magnetism and the urgent need for conservation as more birds become endangered each year.

As Garima Bhatia, team lead at nature conservation foundation, Early Bird, explains, "Feather Fest is a celebration of the wonder and allure of birds with a special focus on getting young audiences closer to bird life, science and conservation. It's about celebrating birds through stories, art, science and discovery. We recognise the role of art in creating empathy, and wanted that to reflect in the

exhibits." The festival is one among many events happening nationwide for Young Birders' Month, a national campaign coordinated by Early Bird and World Wildlife Fund for Nature India.

A major highlight was a screening of *Every Little Thing* (2024) a documentary by Sally Aitken, which follows wildlife rehabilitator and author Terry Masear as she nurses injured hummingbirds back to health, with captivating visuals in slow motion. "It is a moving exploration of resilience and compassion, and has been called 'a kindhearted film for unkind times'. This is the first time it is being screened in India," emphasises Bhatia. Another highlight was a panel discussion with ornithologist Bikram Grewal, philanthropist Rohini Nilekani and scientist Suhel Quader.

One of the exhibits was a revival of the Indian Music Experience Museum's interactive birdsong exhibit which allowed visitors to learn about the calls of different species. Bhatia, also points to another interactive



A child compares himself with the wingspans of different birds of prey

feature that visually highlights the relationship between humans and birds. She says, "The wingspan display was for children and adults to interact with and appreciate the wingspan sizes of birds of prey, relative to our own."

Several installations like this one were catered towards children, Bhatia explains, "Young children have a natural curiosity about nature, which often gets lost while growing up. So we had storytelling sessions for facilitated by nature educators, a nature journaling session, and our own games. The bird imitation competition was brought together budding birders in a fun way. By sparking curiosity, facilitating mentorship, and creating community, we aim to nurture the next generation of conservation leaders," explains Bhatia.

CITY READ

Green Literature Festival to highlight voices in environmentalism on Nov 29



The fifth edition of the Green Literature Festival is set to open on November 29 from 10am onwards at Century Club, Cubbon Park. The festival, which has hosted more than 100 authors so far, will launch two segments this year – The Green Poetry Open House and the Green Business Literature Festival. Themes to be discussed are issues threatening India currently, such as disappearing mangroves, the relevance of sustainability, the role of new materials that could positively impact green transition and more. Prominent speakers include cartoonist and author Rohan Chakravarty, children's book authors Roopa Pai and Sujatha Padmanabhan, leading designer and author Jenny Pinto, sustainability thought leaders Santhosh Jayaram and Rajeev Peshawaria, wellness brand founder Sahar Mansoor and others. Students can look forward to workshops by leading artists. For more information, visit greenlitfest.com.

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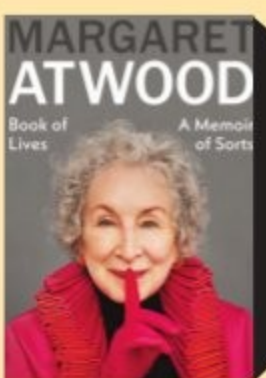


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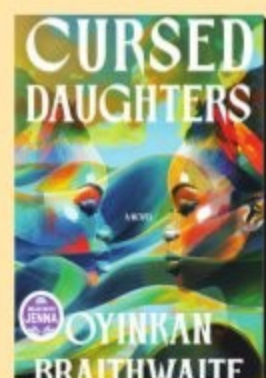
Book of Lives
By Margaret Atwood

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By E Lockhart

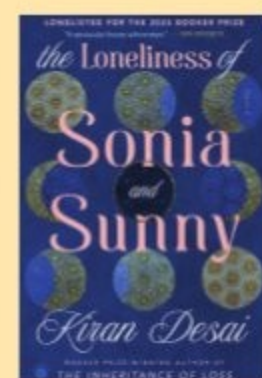
Matilda delves into twisted hearts of Hidden Beach to uncover the answers she's craving for. But secrets run thicker than blood, and blood runs like sea water. And everyone here is lying.



Cursed Daughters: A Read with Jenna Pick

By Oyinkan Braithwaite

A young woman must shake off a family curse and the widely held belief that she is the reincarnation of her dead cousin in this wickedly funny, brilliantly perceptive novel about love, female rivalry and superstition.



The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny

By Kiran Desai

The novel follows Sonia and Sunny, immigrants in the United States, whose paths cross unexpectedly. This chance encounter sparks a tender and transformative romance.



SHOPPING 'FLEA'VER

A visitor checks out stalls at Utsav, an inclusivity-themed flea market at the Rotary House of Friendship on Lavelle Road | KEVIN NASHON

QUICKFIX

TORTILLA CHIPS WITH GUACAMOLE

INGREDIENTS

- Tortilla wrap
- Onion, tomato: 25 g
- Chilly flakes, pepper, salt: 1/4 tbsp each
- Avocado: 100 g
- Lemon: 1/2 (15ml)

METHOD

- Cut the tortilla wrap into eight equal pieces and bake them in the oven at 250°C for eight to ten minutes, turning once to ensure both sides are crisp.
- Mash the avocado. Add chopped onions, tomatoes, lemon juice, chilli flakes, oregano, salt and pepper.
- Mix everything well and enjoy the crispy tortilla chips with freshly made guacamole.



Contributed by Yashas V, Bengaluru

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Comfort Food

Slow down and savour seasonal flavours and comforting dishes like chowringhee murgh badami shorba, palakmoongphali seekh, along with the homely comfort of chicken in Uti Tangdi and bold flavours of tandoori pomfret. Conclude with cosy cocktails like masala chai toddy. Priced at ₹2500++ for two.

📍 **WHEN:** November 24 onwards, 7pm onwards

📍 **WHERE:** By the Blue, Grand Mercure Bangalore, Koramangala

📞 **CALL:** 90083 00446



Eat Set Go

Say bye to Monday blues at this event that offers 50 per cent off on all food, all day! Take your friends along and kick-start your week deliciously!

📍 **WHEN:** November 24, 12pm onwards 📍 **WHERE:** K-OS The GameBar, Koramangala
📖 **DETAILS:** highape.com

Wool and Fun

Discover the cosy and colourful world of wool art at this workshop, where you will learn creative techniques to use wool and yarn to make wall hangings, keychains and more – all under expert guidance. No prior experience needed, attend, experience and take home your own masterpiece.

📍 **WHEN:** November 24, 6pm
📍 **WHERE:** Hobby Ghar, Chamrajpet
📖 **DETAILS:** bookmynshow.com



Adrenaline Rush

Plan your weekend indulging yourself in immersive games promising non-stop fun at this event. Give a shot at go-karting, enjoy paintball and laser tag missions, trampoline zone or even conquer rock climbing walls and more.

📍 **WHEN:** November 24, 10am onwards
📍 **WHERE:** Play Arena, Kasavanahalli
📖 **DETAILS:** district.in

Musical Monday

Add a musical touch to your Monday night with Manipuri musician **AJ Maisnam's** live concert in the city. With genres spanning pop, rock, soft rock, and semi classical, get ready for a diverse musical experience.

📍 **WHEN:** November 24, 8pm
📍 **WHERE:** G Super Club, Koramangala
📞 **CALL:** 97400 07551



Dating Dilemmas

Whether you're single, taken or somewhere in between, this evening of games, activities, icebreakers, and witty conversations promises to make attendees see modern dating in a new way while forming new connections.

📍 **WHEN:** November 24 onwards, 7pm

📍 **WHERE:** Zed the Baker, Indiranagar

📖 **DETAILS:** bookmynshow.com



The expert is a senior veterinarian, Crown Vet, Delhi.

My 5-year-old Indian Ringneck has started plucking his feathers again, especially when I'm out for work. He's otherwise eating and talking normally. I've heard feather plucking can be linked to stress or diet. What should I do?

Feather plucking in Indian Ringnecks may arise from either medical or behavioural reasons. Begin by ruling out health problems such as skin infections, parasites, or nutritional deficiencies with a thorough veterinary check-up. If no medical cause is found, stress or boredom is likely. Enrich his environment with a variety of toys, foraging activities, and daily

ASK AN XPERT

out-of-cage interaction. Offer a balanced diet of pellets, fresh fruits, and vegetables. Avoid reacting when he plucks, as attention can reinforce the behaviour. Introducing another bird might help, but only after proper quarantine and gradual introduction. Stability and mental stimulation are key to improvement.



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HOW TO MAKE EXERCISE A REGULAR HABIT IN LIFE

To include exercising in one's daily routine is difficult for everyone but consistency is the foundation for long term success. Consistency might get lost in between the hustling and bustling of modern life. So, to make it a pleasurable experience, one can focus on the positive aspects. The brain rewards pleasurable experiences by increasing levels of the neurotransmitters, dopamine, and serotonin. You can make exercising a positive and rewarding experience by learning how to enjoy the process.

HERE'S SOME STEPS THAT CAN HELP YOU TO STICK TO EXERCISING:

1) TREAT YOURSELF

Reward yourself with a new workout gear, headphones, or a small experience. It activates the positive feedback loop in your brain and will help you associate exercise with pleasure.

2) SCHEDULE YOUR WORKOUTS

Dedicating specific timeslots to working out makes you commit to it and you can easily plan your whole day around it.

3) SET LEARNING GOALS

New goals motivate one to stay on track and achieving those goals give you the boost required to keep on continuing. So, focus on learning the techniques, new exercises or formats. This will boost dopamine, making the journey more enjoyable.

4) CHANGE YOUR MINDSET

Think of exercises as something that help improve the quality of your life. When you think in such a manner, your motivation becomes more intrinsic and sustainable.

5) JOURNAL YOUR PROGRESS

Track how you feel post-workout and record your personal wins. This helps you focus on the process and not on the end results.

6) FIND A WORKOUT BUDDY

Partnering up with someone provides social accountability and makes working out more fun. You can do challenges to bring out the best in each other. This will help you remain consistent and build exercise as a long-term habit.

By aligning exercise with rewards, learning, social connections, and habit-friendly routines, you build a sustainable behaviour. True consistency comes from enjoying the process and not the result.



By Spoorthi S, fitness expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

ARTCORNER



THE MULTITUDE

Shipra Bhattacharya's landscape is dominated by mythological allegory and an overtly political style

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

HYUNDAI Venue has been a top pick in the sub-4-metre SUV market since its introduction in 2019. After timely upgrades over the years, the company has now gone for a full generation change.

Last week, I test-drove the new Venue N Line in Goa and experienced the differences it offers over the outgoing model. The new Venue comes with three engine options: a 1.2-litre petrol, a 1-litre turbo-petrol and a 1.5-litre diesel. All are available in multiple variants, but the sportier N Line variants are offered exclusively with the turbo-petrol engine.

The exterior

There are notable visual differences between the Venue and the Venue N Line, though mechanically they are identical. Let's meet the standard Venue first. The exterior looks fresh, in line with Hyundai's latest design language. There is no excess chrome. Instead, the grille and bumper feature a digital-era design.

Moustache-like DRLs flank LED headlamp units, and the lower half of the bumper is styled to resemble a skid plate. On the sides, the wheel arches get prominent plastic cladding, and a newly designed C-pillar with quarter glass and an insert adds character.

IS VENUE VERITABLY NEW?

CE examines as to what extent the Hyundai Venue has transformed after its recent generation shift

At the rear, a quasi skid-plate has been added, and the tail-lamps are connected by a light strip. A pair of reversing lamps sit at the bottom of the bumper.

On the N Line, the grille and bumper sections are completely different. While the underlying structure is the same, the size and placement of the panels have changed. The grille area is smaller, and the skid-plate-like section looks entirely different. Red brake callipers, red accents around the body, and the absence of wheel-arch cladding further distinguish the N Line.

At the rear, dual exhaust tips, twin-humped spoilers and a re-designed bumper are key N Line elements. N Line badges appear on all sides. Alloy wheels are 16-inch on the standard Venue and 17-inch on the N Line.

The cabin

Both share a modern cabin layout. The first thing you notice is the long, curved display on the dashboard, which houses a 12.3-inch infotainment screen and a 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster. It's quite cool.



The Venue features dual-tone dark blue and grey upholstery, while the N Line goes for an all-black cabin with sporty red accents and stitching.

A wheelbase, 2cm longer than the outgoing model increases rear-seat legroom.

The features list is extensive: electrically adjustable driver's seat, two-step reclining rear seats, rear AC vents, Bose premium 8-speaker system, front ventilated seats, surround-view monitor, wireless Android Auto/Apple CarPlay, voice-enabled smart electric sunroof, rear-window sunshade, and more. Hyundai also highlights connected-car features and Over-The-Air updates.

The steering wheel on the Venue features a new design. There is no Hyundai logo at the centre - instead, four dots represent the letter 'H' in Morse code. The N Line steering wheel, however, carries the edition badging.

Safety

The Venue comes equipped with six airbags, TPMS, hill-start assist and several other standard safety measures. Hyundai states that the body structure is stronger than before. The model is based on the new platform that also underpins the Kia Syros.

Sixteen Level-2 ADAS features are available in the top variants. The N Line

additionally gets five more ADAS functions.

Performance

I drove the N Line automatic, which pairs the 1-litre, 3-cylinder turbo-petrol engine with a 7-speed, dual-clutch automatic transmission. The 120hp engine is the most powerful of the three.

There is some initial turbo lag, but once past that, the engine delivers strong performance. At higher revs, engine noise becomes noticeable inside the cabin. The suspension is not very soft, but overall, the ride quality is acceptable in most conditions.

Drive modes in the Venue help extract ample power as needed. The Venue N Line also gets multi-terrain modes (Sand, Mud, Snow) to optimise traction on various surfaces. These are offered on the automatic variants, along with paddle shifters for a sportier feel.

I achieved a fuel efficiency of 12-14 kmpl on a mix of narrow roads, stop-and-go traffic, highways, and some uphill driving in north Goa. The company-claimed figures for the new Venue are:

- 18.05 kmpl (petrol)
- 18.74 kmpl (turbo-petrol manual)
- 20 kmpl (turbo DCT)
- 20.99 kmpl (diesel manual)
- 17.9 kmpl (diesel automatic)

Verdict

The new Venue is certainly a better car than the outgoing model, though not a major leap in ride comfort. The N Line, meanwhile, is meant for buyers who are willing to pay more for added style and sporty aesthetics. The turbo-petrol range starts at ₹8.8 lakh, while the N Line variants are priced between ₹11.45 lakh and ₹15.30 lakh (ex-showroom).

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FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'



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I, MARIA PRIYANKA P. R/o Arch Angelvilla, 5th Cross, Sumathi Nagar, Robertsonpet, K G F, Bangarapet, Kolar, Karnataka-563 122 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MARIA PRIYANKA to MARIA PRIYANKA P. henceforth I shall be known and called as MARIA PRIYANKA P. for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22-11-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary G. RAJENDRA at Bangalore.

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I, the undersigned HARSHA CHAPPARADAHALLI (New Name), previously called C HARSHA (Old Name), S/o Mr. C. Umesh, aged about 22 years (DOB 09.09.2003) and resident of No. 39, Samskruthi Nilaya, 6th Cross, Prashanth Layout, Kodigehalli, Bangalore-560 067, Karnataka do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my name from C HARSHA to HARSHA CHAPPARADAHALLI by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public, Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa on 19.11.2025 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. BHASKAR BHAKTHAVATHSALU, S/o Mr. B M Bhakthavathsalu, age 56 years, R/at #597, 17th A Cross, 6th B Main, near ARO Office, Bharati Nagar, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 038 do hereby declare that both the names of my daughter i.e. B ANANYA and ANANYA BHASKAR are one and the same and refers to my daughter only, vide affidavit dated 22nd November 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary Y.R. CHANDRASHEKAR at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. BHASKAR BHAKTHAVATHSALU, S/o Mr. B M Bhakthavathsalu, age 56 years, R/at #597, 17th A Cross, 6th B Main, near ARO Office, Bharati Nagar, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 038 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. BHAMINI G. and BHAMINI GOPALA KRISHNA are one and the same and refers to my son only, vide affidavit dated 22nd November 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary Y.R. CHANDRASHEKAR at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. BHAMINI G. W/o Mr. B. Bhaskar, age 50 years, R/at #597, 17th A Cross, 6th B Main, near ARO Office, Bharati Nagar, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560038 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SRINIVASA GOWDA T.R. to SRINIVASA GOWDA T.R., vide affidavit dated 22.11.2025, sworn to before S.T. Thippeswamy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, HANUMANTHA RAO N, S/o Late Narasimha, aged about 49 years, residing at LF-18/10 BDA Flat, Near Petrol Pump, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560096, I declare that below mentioned both names HANUMANTHA RAO N and HANUMANTH RAO N refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself I declare that for all future records, documents, correspondence, and legal purposes I shall use the name HANUMANTHA RAO N only, vide affidavit dated 22/11/2025 sworn to before H R Karunakara Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. Kritika Rajaram have changed by name from Kritika Janakiraman to Kritika Rajaram by affidavit sworn before the notary public, Yankoba - Advocate, Affidavit Certificate IN-KA00914733407636X notary's name Yankoba M Reg no 21515 Advocate Bengaluru on 20th November 2025. From the day of this publication I shall known as Kritika Rajaram and my permanent residential address is Flat No A-401, Fourth Floor, Cedar Unit BM Magnolia Park Immadihalli Main Road, Nagondahalli, Whitefield, Bangalore- 560086

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LOKESHA SIDDIAIAH S/o Siddaiah, R/o No.18 Hanuman Nilaya, 6th Main Uttarahalli, Subramanyapura Post, Bangalore - 560061 have changed my name from LOKESHA SIDDIAIAH to LOKESH SIDDIAIAH, vide affidavit dated 22/11/2025 sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Srinivasa Gowda T.R, S/o, Rangaswamaiah, aged about 35 years, R/at No. 431, 4th Block D Group Employees Layout, Lingadheeranahalli, Vishwamedam, Bangalore-560091, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SRINIVASA GOWDA T.R. to SRINIVASA GOWDA, vide affidavit dated 22.11.2025, sworn to before S.T. Thippeswamy, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUBHAS NAGAPPA BADIGER, S/o. Nagappa Badiger, aged about 47 years, residing at No. 29, Doddabettahalli, Vidyanarayana, Bengaluru-560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SUBHAS BADIGER to SUBHAS NAGAPPA BADIGER vide affidavit dated 21.11.2025, sworn to before G. Dayananda, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, TAUQUEER SORAB ULLAH KHAN, aged 40 years, residing # "F" Cross, Bismillah Nagar, Bangalore, have changed my minor daughter name from TAHUNA MARZIYA TAUQUEER to TAHUNA MARZIYA TAUQUEER and my minor daughter correct date of birth is 31/08/2009 but it mentioned as 28/05/2009 in birth certificate documents. I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring my daughter as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated: 04-09-2025 sworn before advocate and notary Aravind Patil G.G., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Revathi V, daughter of Varadharaajulu K, aged about 37 years, residing at #3, Padma Nilaya, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Nisarga Layout, Bannerghatta, Bangalore - 560083, Karnataka hereby declare that my names Revathi V and Revathi Prasanna belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as Revathi V vide Affidavit Dated 18-11-2025, sworn to before Advocate and Notary Public B.H. Rajendra, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Swadha Tiwari D/o Janardan Prasad Tiwari & W/o Shashi Kant Pathak, aged about 48 years, residing at No. A-2, Flat No. 203, Yamuna Block, NGV Koramangala, PO Viveknagar, Bengaluru-560047, do hereby solemnly declare that, I got married to Shri Shashi Kant Pathak on 23.11.2024 at Varanasi, UP. After marriage my name is Swadha Pathak and all the records have the same name. So, I state that, Swadha Tiwari and the Swadha Pathak is the name of one and the same person and that is myself. I am executing this declaration to be submitted to the concerned authorities for the change of name vide Affidavit dated: 20-11-2025 sworn to before Advocate & Notary S. Vijaykumar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011.

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Nimika Ratnakar discusses the impact of the 'Pushpavati' song, moving beyond dance-only offers, and exploring new dimensions through her role in her upcoming releases

'Flirt begins with a spark and ends with a twist'



Girish Shivan, Nimika Ratnakar and Chandan Kumar

A SHARADHAA

NIMIKA Ratnakar's journey has been anything but hasty. It has been patient, steady, and shaped by choices that often went against the tide. She openly admits that the song 'Pushpavati' from Darshan's *Kranthi* changed everything for her. "It is rare for one song to change an actor's life. 'Pushpavati' gave me the visibility I was expecting. When people call me *Pushpavati*, it is beyond words, and the support from Darshan's fans, since then, feels unconditional."

That recognition, however, brought a new conundrum. Offers flooded from Kannada and Telugu cinema, but most

were for dance numbers. "Everyone wanted me only for songs. I did not come here for that," she says. "I could have continued dancing. It pays well, but I came to be an actor. Choosing the right films took time. My patience has paid off, and today the projects I have reflect that."

The projects include director Om Prakash Rao's *Phoenix*, which she describes as a unique role, his *Guerrilla War*, starring Upendra, and *Wild Tiger Safari*. She is currently focused on *Flirt*, hitting theatres on November 28, a film that immerses her in a space of romance, confusion, and emotional shifts.

Flirt marks Chandan Kumar's directorial debut, in which he also stars as one of the leads. Nimika says the role offered two distinct as-

pects that immediately drew her in. "Chandan was clear about what he wanted. There were scenes where he asked me to tone everything down. I was confused during the first narrations, and it took three or four rounds to understand the rhythm. When I watched the film later, it looked very clean."

She believes the story's strength lies in the interactions between Chandan, Girish Shivan, and her. "The second half especially pushed me. All our arcs become stronger as the story develops."

When asked what *Flirt* means to her, she explains, "It begins with eye contact and a small spark. That is the surface. When you go deeper, the layers change."

How does her character influence the shift between romance and bromance? She says, "There is always friction between a lover and a friend. The film captures that shift beautifully."

The film also stars Shruti, Sadhu Kokila, Rangayana Raghu, Vinay Gowda, and Akshita Bopiah in pivotal roles, with Jassie Gift as the composer and HC Venu handling cinematography.

Her one-line summary is straightforward. "It's a mix of romance, confusion, friendship, a twist, and the final climax in *Flirt* makes you think."



CE FEATURES

FOR Poornachandra Tejaswi, the music of *The Rise of Ashoka* began long before the first note was composed. "This is a film set in the 70s and 80s, and those decades have their own rhythm. The film needed music that had the scent of the soil, breathed like the people, and echoed their celebrations," he says. The first song, 'Mahadeva', released on November 25, captures the pulse of village festivals with dhol, nagari, a chorus of voices, and subtle Western sounds. Leading the track is Kailash Kher, supported by more than fifteen theatre singers from Mysuru.

The composer remarks that the multilingual approach towards the song was intentional. "We wanted the song to feel native everywhere. Sathish wrote the Kannada version, Srinivas Kalle the Telugu, and Vairamuthu Bharathi the Tamil. Each version should feel authentic to its culture," he says. For Sathish, who also headlines the film, writing lyrics is a fresh step. "He em-

bellished the song with simple words that carry a deep thought," the composer adds.

Behind the music lies a story of resilience. "There was a point when the film almost stopped halfway. Budgets were low, energy was drained, and the team was uncertain. Nimsam Sathish stepped in and held the project together. He became the shoulder everyone leaned on. That is the greatness of an artist," he reflects.

The film features nine tracks, six full songs, and three thematic pieces, all carrying "the flavour of our soil." The audio rights were acquired by Lahari Music for a record sum, reportedly the biggest in Sathish's career.

Now, in the final stages of production, Poornachandra says, "This story will connect with Kannada, Telugu, and Tamil audiences. And perhaps the music will take them back to a time that still lives in memory."



Poornachandra Tejaswi

Sofia Vergara joins Thumb

CE FEATURES

SOFIA Vergara is joining the cast of *Thumb*. The film stars *House of the Dragon* breakout Milly Alcock in the lead.

Thumb is directed by Daina Oniunas-Pusic, who has previously directed the Julia Louis-Dreyfus-starrer *The Beast*. Cesar Vitale has written the film. Akiva Goldsman, Greg Lessans, Richard Saperstein, Brooke Saperstein, Beau Turpin, Jack Heller, and Annie Saperstein are producing the film. Weed Road Pictures, Bluestone Entertainment, and Assemble Media are the banners backing the film.

Apart from Vergara and Alcock, *Thumb* also stars Awkwafina and Kate McKinnon. Production for the film started last week in New York.

The story of the film follows a lonely youth (Milly Alcock) who makes it her only goal to return a severed thumb that she received in the mail. This takes her on a wild and chaotic ride.

Vergara was recently seen as a drug dealer in *Griselda*. She received an Emmy nomination for her performance as Griselda Blanco in the series. She also voiced a character on *Despicable Me 4*, which was released in 2024.



A SHARADHAA

ROMANTIC comedies often follow a familiar recipe— instant attraction, chaotic weddings, and misunderstandings scattered through the story. *Full Meals* begins with this base but adds a fresh twist. What if the bride-to-be is more drawn to the wedding photographer than her fiancé? Here, the camera becomes more than just a tool. It captures subtle emotional moments that might otherwise go unnoticed. Director Vinayaka N carefully adds these small, thoughtful touches that give the story its flavour.

Lucky (Likhith Shetty) is an aspiring photographer working from a small studio. He balances rent, quirky clients, and an uncle Pulikeshi (Rangayana Raghu) who wants to shut him down. Preeti (Tejaswini Sharma), a lively makeup artist, enters his life like a dash of chilli in a sweet dish, unexpected but energising. She helps him with small assignments, shares laughs, and keeps their friendship alive. The story turns pivotal when Lucky is assigned to photograph Pooja (Kushee Ravi), sister of Rajesh Nataranga. Pooja is reserved at first but gradually opens up, leading to a tender romance with soft glances, shy smiles, and small missteps. Preeti's playful interventions too add a spark, hinting at a love triangle that is more playful than

A feel-good film with bitter-sweet moments

tense.

Vinayaka's screenplay works like a menu. The first half is light and playful with quick dialogue, subtle humour, and scenes that entertain. The second half deepens the story. Lucky's past, lost childhood memories, absence of his father, and desire for recognition beyond photography give the narrative weight. His growing affection for Pooja and careful attention to Preeti's emotions add layers and warmth. Scenes that could have felt cliché are handled with care, allowing humour and heart to sit together naturally.

Likhith Shetty carries the film with quiet charm. Lucky's vulnerability and ambitions feel real. Each struggle, balancing work, life, and fleeting joys, lands with authenticity. Pooja could have been simple, but Kushee Ravi brings her to life with gentle sweetness and quiet energy. Tejaswini Sharma as Preeti adds lively mischief, keeping scenes playful without taking focus from the central romance.

The supporting

FULL MEALS

Director: N Vinayaka

Cast: Likhith Shetty, Kushee Ravi, Tejaswini Sharma, Rangayana Raghu, Vijay Chendur, Suraj Lokre, Sujay Shastri and Rajesh Nataranga



RATING
 3/5

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Raghu Shivamogga's *The Task* opens like a procedural. An awards-stage interview is shown, that has the anchor (Tanisha Kuppanda) questioning a retired police officer (Achyuth Kumar) and a lawyer (Sangeetha Bhat) about their 'celebrity status.' The irony is clear: Those who became popular for serving the public are now remembered more by social media than by society. The film tries to maintain this half-truth, half-theatre tone, with mixed results.

At its core, the story springs from speculation that rose during the post-Covid confusion. Were covert medical experiments conducted on unsuspecting citizens? Raghu builds his narrative around the growing chatter on post-Covid cardiac issues. Instead of a slow-burn investigation, the film often feels like scattered footnotes stitched into a chase thriller.

The plot moves like a relay race. Siri (Shrilekshmi Bhat), a Kodagu-based schoolgirl raised by middle-class parents

Chase against time and truth



(Gopalkrishna Deshpande and Harini Sundarra), suddenly becomes the center of unwanted attention. The girl, still in Class 10, believes it carries some strange importance. One side insists she must stay away from Bengaluru, while another demands she be brought there

THE TASK

Director: Raghu Shivamogga

Cast: Raghu Shivamogga, Shrilekshmi Bhat, Jaya Surya R Azad, Sagar Ram, Achyuth Kumar and Sangeetha Bhat

immediately. This tug-of-war forms the story's moral hinge.

Vishnu (Sagar Ram) and Kanthi (Jaya Surya R Azad) take up the task of bringing Siri (Shrilekshmi) to the city on instructions from the retired officer. The intervention is sought by the lawyers. They come from a place where idealism survives on borrowed time. Kanthi, an orphan raised by Vishnu's parents, has seen the inside of jail. Both youngsters are martial arts enthusiasts and social workers who try to do good without documenting it online. Every family sees doctors as gods during a crisis. When those same people turn into a threat, the ground shifts violently. These two young men rise to confront those who exploit the system. Their camaraderie works, but the writing rarely gives them room to breathe, keeping them constantly on the run.

Once the narrative enters Kodagu, the film becomes a non-stop chase, and that is where the cracks appear. Boys run with the girl, villains run after them, po-

lice chase the villains, and a corporate doctor (Balaji Manohar) pulls invisible strings. Raghu wants the terrain's winding roads to mirror the narrative's twists, but many of these turns feel engineered rather than earned. Some moments land, especially when the film slows and lets fear gather in the silences. Many others feel like detours added merely to sustain tension.

Balaji Manohar exudes cold corporate menace in the film. Achyuth Kumar lends weary moral weight to the retired-cop role. Sangeetha Bhat complements him with quiet resolve. Shrilekshmi, stays grounded, even while most of her scenes bring with loud emotions and rush. The young actors, Jaya Surya Azad and Ram Sagar, follow the director's instructions with discipline. Raghu Shivamogga's own performance as Burmappa, a degraded hunter with a gaze that curdles the frame, slices through the film. A chilling encounter with Siri stands out, raw, uncomfortable, and brutal.

In that moment, the actor overtakes the filmmaker in him.

The final reveal about Siri's kidnapping links the post-Covid medical conspiracy to the film's social concerns. But the explanation comes too neatly, softening the tension built through the first half. Thrillers must earn their truth. Here, the truth feels narrated rather than uncovered. Technically, the film moves with confidence. Arjun Raj's stunt design gives the action its muscle. Pradeep's cinematography uses Kodagu's canopy with intent. Judah Sandy's background score tries to keep the trail alive.

The Task is a brisk, well-meant chase thriller, constantly running even when unsure of where it wants to arrive. Raghu Shivamogga's ambition is clear; the intent is honest, and the social concern is timely. The real question is this: do films like *The Task* show us the cracks in society, or do they let us run alongside the story without ever catching up? The film wants to warn, question, and provoke, yet its impact depends on how much the audience chooses to carry home.



Spirit goes on floors

CE FEATURES

AFEW days ago, during one of his public appearances, Sandeep Reddy Vanga confirmed that the shooting for his much-anticipated Prabhas-starrer *Spirit* will commence in November. The film was officially launched on Sunday with a pooja ceremony.

While Prabhas was not present for the ceremony, Chiranjeevi can be seen as the special guest, besides Tripti Dimri, who plays the female lead, and Bhushan Kumar, who is producing the film in association with Prana Reddy Vanga, Krishan Kumar and Prabhakar Reddy Vanga. Meanwhile, Shiv Chanana is on board as co-producer. Sandeep also reunites with composer Harshavardhan Rameshwar, who worked on *Animal*.